LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lee Wynn upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 distinguished years to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lee Wynn upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 distinguished years to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Schuyler Inn in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lee Wynn started with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in 1981 at the Tryon School for Boys Campus in Johnstown, as a youth division aide; less than a year later, he was promoted to youth division counselor; and

WHEREAS, Lee Wynn has also held positions at the Cass Residential Center in Rensselaerville, the Brace Residential Center in Masonville, the Harlem Valley Secure Center in Wingdale, and the McCormack Secure Center in Brooktondale; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Lee Wynn served as director of the Albany Group Home in 1999, and as assistant director at the Tryon Boys Campus; in 2003, he became facility director at Tryon; and

WHEREAS, From 2007-2009, Lee Wynn served as the director of the Evening Reporting Center in Albany, and from 2009 to 2013, he was the assistant director of the Brookwood Secure Facility in Claverack; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to New York, Lee Wynn worked as a high school biology teacher and was a basketball coach in his home state of Alabama where he grew up and attended high school; he graduated from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, where he played Division I varsity basketball for four years advancing to the 2nd round of the NCAA Tournament in 1980; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Gloversville, New York, with his wife, Joicelyn and their three daughters, Lee Wynn is a family man, community leader, educator and motivator; his heart and energy are always focused on the needs of children; and

WHEREAS, Designated an August 2006 New York State Office of Children and Family Services Male Role Model of the Year, Lee Wynn was named in "The Heritage Registry of Who's Who"; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Lee Wynn was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, Lee Wynn earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lee Wynn upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 distinguished years to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lee Wynn.