LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sandra H. Martin upon the occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of Home Aides of Central New York

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across the State of New York are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sandra Martin upon the occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of Home Aides of Central New York, after 23 years of dedicated service with the agency; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Syracuse University in 1973, Sandra Martin devoted her entire career to the healthcare field, serving as an effective leader at various organizations and businesses, such as Upstate Medical University, Hospital Association of Central New York, Inc. and Coopers & Lybrand in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Sandra Martin joined Home Aides of Central New York as President and CEO of the agency; and

WHEREAS, Home Aides of Central New York was established in 1966, to assist in the home care of aging, ill and frail individuals, providing these individuals with the physical and emotional support services they and their families need, such as registered nurses, companions, caregiver respite services, and medical alert services; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at Home Aides of Central New York, Sandra Martin has served as a tireless advocate for the elderly, frail and disabled within the community, working diligently to expand the agency in order to meet the needs of a growing elderly population; Home Aides of Central New York presently employs more than 240 people, serves more than 1,600 individuals, and is licensed to operate in six counties; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Sandra Martin was instrumental in forming the Eldercare Foundation, which has helped raise significant donations to support Home Aides of Central New York; since its inception, the Eldercare Foundation has raised a significant amount in donations to keep valuable programs and services operating; and

WHEREAS, For the past four decades, Sandra Martin has also served as an active volunteer within the community and has advanced her education by attending the New School for Social Research and Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Martin has consistently rendered conscientious and valuable service to the Central New York community, while helping to improve the quality of life of its citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sandra Martin upon the occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of Home Aides of Central New York, after 23 years of dedicated service with the agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sandra H. Martin.