

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary M. Parry for 72 years of distinguished service to The United Service Organizations (USO)

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary M. Parry for her more than 70 years of distinguished service to the USO; and

WHEREAS, In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt brought together a number of agencies to form the United Service Organizations (USO), with the objective of providing emotional support to troops and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mary M. Parry has played an active role in the USO since its formation; beginning with her involvement in 1941, as a teenager at the Sampson Naval Base's USO at Seneca Lake and eventually going to work at the Seneca Ordinance Depot; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Mary M. Parry and her husband, Walter, moved to Watertown and became involved with the local USO, where Mary oversaw operations of the facility which served reserve soldiers at what was then called "Camp Drum"; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Mary M. Parry has continued to be a dedicated, dependable and loyal USO volunteer, inspiring others to join the cause, and supporting our Nation's brave troops and their families by lifting their spirits and providing them with a "home away from home"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary M. Parry for her 72 years of distinguished service to the USO; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary M. Parry.