LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Murphy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Mary Murphy has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Murphy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, A veteran Investigative Reporter for WPIX Channel 11 News, Mary Murphy is the quintessential New Yorker, born to Irish immigrants and raised in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, She attended Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School, Delehanty High School and Queens College where she graduated magna cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Mary Murphy interned at WCBS-TV and later became a field reporter before heading over to WPIX Channel 11 where she anchored the weekend news for 14 years before returning to full-time investigative reporting; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman has received a total of 18 Emmys and has covered a wide range of stories including the elevation of Archbishop Timothy Dolan; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Mary Murphy collaborated with Mercy Home to produce the 150th Anniversary Video and two segments which aired on the WPIX Morning Show; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, and her son, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Mary Murphy and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Murphy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further

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