

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Kate Mullany Medal by the American Labor Studies Center on December 8, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly acknowledge those organizations whose endeavors serve the best interests of the workforce in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, History teaches us that in many parts of the world, including our beloved Nation, craftsmen and journeymen in various trades and disciplines united and joined voluntary associations to represent their numbers; and

WHEREAS, Unions have contributed to democracy, the economic vitality of our communities, and the well-being of New York's working families by providing employees with a voice on the job; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Kate Mullany Medal by the American Labor Studies, celebrated at its Annual Recognition Reception on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at NYSUT Headquarters, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Owners of the Kate Mullany National Historic Site, the American Labor Studies is currently restoring this American treasure; a National Landmark since 1998, the house is located at 350 Eighth Street, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Kate Mullany Medal was established to honor the legacy of Kate Mullany, a young Irish immigrant who formed and later led America's first all-female union; this auspicious award was bestowed upon the CLUW for their partnership with the Berger-Marks Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, the CLUW was established to unify all union women in a viable organization to determine their common problems and concerns and to develop action programs within the framework of their union to deal effectively with their objectives; and

WHEREAS, The CLUW, which is endorsed by AFL-CIO, is a nonpartisan organization comprised of members in 54 International and National Unions across the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated members of CLUW fight for equal pay, child care and elder care benefits, job security, safe workplaces, affordable health care, contraceptive equity and protection from sexual harassment and violence at work; and

WHEREAS, The local chapters of CLUW educate members, keep them up-to-date on important issues and provide a support network for women in unions; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, CLUW has contributed to the building of our communities and has fought diligently to better the working and living conditions for those who labor in the proud tradition of their crafts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Kate Mullany Medal by the American Labor Studies Center on December 8, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW).