

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Veva Bangert upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Caregiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum on October 7, 2015

WHEREAS, Genuinely concerned for the welfare of others, Veva Bangert has assumed an active role in her community, contributing to the opportunities for those in need, through her compassionate efforts and active membership in the Capital District Senior Issues Forum; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Veva Bangert upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Caregiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum, celebrated at its 17th Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at Congregation Beth Emeth, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Senior Issues Forum (CDSIF) is a grass-roots, voluntary initiative among faith communities, organizations and individuals that provides support for seniors in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1998 as a pilot program at Albany's Westminster Presbyterian Church, CDSIF's founding forum members included caregivers, representatives from different faith communities who saw advocacy for older adults as a mission of their faith community, government officials concerned about senior issues, housing administrators, senior service providers, as well as seniors themselves; and

WHEREAS, Through education and dialogue, the Forum identifies issues and unmet needs of the senior community, serves as the convener of stakeholders to address issues through forums, legislative programs, and educational programs, educates the community about issues affecting seniors, and generates the support of faith communities for health, healing, and wholeness of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, the Forum has held over 16 ceremonies and has recognized the contributions of over 676 seniors over the age of 85 for their Lifetime Achievements; and

WHEREAS, Veva Bangert has been recognized by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum for being an extraordinary senior, for making a difference in the lives of others, and for giving selflessly through her caregiving; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Veva Bangert has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Veva Bangert upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Caregiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum on October 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Veva Bangert.