LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Tara VanHorn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Tara VanHorn 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Tara VanHorn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Tara VanHorn minored in Math and earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University; she furthered her education by obtaining her accounting degree from Mount St. Mary College; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Tara VanHorn is both a New York and Pennsylvania State certified Emergency Medical Technician; and

WHEREAS, While a student, Tara VanHorn began her 16-year career with Walmart; she rose through the ranks, serving in a middle management position, where she was responsible for seven stores; and

WHEREAS, In October of 2012, Tara VanHorn was hired as a Finance Administrator at Cornell Cooperative Extension and was quickly promoted to the position of Finance Manager; in this capacity, she handles all financial responsibilities and operations of the association including analysis, budgeting, minor accounts payable/accounts receivable book-keeping duties and assisting the Executive Director and Board of Directors with various financial concerns; and

WHEREAS, In her role as Finance Manager, Tara VanHorn enjoys working on events such as the Little World's Fair and the Annual Gala, and tackling her daily financial duties; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which she lives and works, Tara VanHorn serves as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Matamoras Fire Department and both a Volunteer EMT and Certified EMT for Port Jervis; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working, Tara VanHorn enjoys spending time with her wife and new baby, Amelia, and travelling to Hawaii and Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her wife, Rebecca, and her mother, Linda, who feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 commend Tara VanHorn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tara VanHorn.