

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Deborah Arnet upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Coalition for Economic Justice in Buffalo

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Deborah Arnet upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Coalition for Economic Justice in Buffalo to be celebrated at its Awards Celebration on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Ironworkers Union Local 6 in West Seneca, New York; and

WHEREAS, At this auspicious occasion, Deborah Arnet will be honored for her dedicated work as President of Communications Workers of America, Local 1133, where she actively participated in contract negotiations with Kenmore Mercy, reaching an agreement on a new contract which covered 300 registered nurses within the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Leading a local group of strong, unified Communications Workers of America who have actively fought against inadequate staffing levels, deplorable working conditions and disrespectful management, Deborah Arnet has accomplished significant improvements for the future for unionized nurses, locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Under Deborah Arnet's leadership, the workers worked with Catholic Health to prioritize patient and worker safety over executive bonuses as well as protecting their rights as union workers; and

WHEREAS, Due to her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her union, Deborah Arnet has enhanced the wages and work conditions of numerous nurses at Kenmore Mercy as well as simplified the recruiting and retaining of future nurses; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Deborah Arnet upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Coalition for Economic Justice in Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Deborah Arnet.