

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Anne Palmer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trowell-Harris Leadership Mentor Award on February 4, 2017

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Anne Palmer 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 honor Anne Palmer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trowell-Harris Leadership Mentor Award, to be celebrated at its 19th Annual Tuition Assistance Awards Gala on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, An internationally recognized trainer, clarity expert, speaker and author, Anne Palmer is the daughter of trailblazing parents; she learned from her pioneering Tuskegee Airman father and Head Start teacher-trainer mother, what it meant to be a leader and leave a lasting legacy; and

WHEREAS, Anne Palmer is the author of the Amazon Best-Selling book **The Gifted Trap... "E.M.E.R.G.E. From Gifted to Great**, a revealing exploration into the world of gifted and talented adults who are living "less than" lives; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman's legacy also includes making a profound difference as a leader in the corporate, non-profit, fashion, aging services, sports and entertainment, as well as personal growth and development arenas; and

WHEREAS, Previously a non-profit executive, Anne Palmer served as Vice President of Development in higher education at the State University of New York at New Paltz, and subsequently in the aging service industry; in 2000, she launched the still thriving Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan Counties in the Hudson Valley region of New York, as its founding CEO and Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, An Emmy-award-winning talk show host and corporate spokesperson, Anne Palmer has been using her commanding presence and voice to communicate messages for renowned organizations including PNC Bank, US Airways, Carnegie Museum, VanGogh Museum (Amsterdam), Kettering Foundation's National Issues Forum, Oracle, and the global health and wellness company, Isagenix; and

WHEREAS, Anne Palmer also serves as an inspirational keynote speaker, using her voice and passion to empower gifted adults, employees

and members within various organizations; audiences walk away from her talks transformed, eager to find their own voice, and emboldened to enthusiastically claim the greatness they are capable of achieving; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Anne Palmer has served on numerous boards in leadership capacities, including the Orange County Partnership, SUNY New Paltz Foundation, the Community Foundation of Orange County and the Orange County Parks Master Plan Task Force; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Anne Palmer was instrumental in founding the non-profit Institute of Leadership and Management at SUNY Orange; she is especially committed to impacting the lives of young people through her work with youth mentoring programs such as Year Up; and

WHEREAS, Anne Palmer graduated magna cum laude from Howard University in Washington, D.C.; she also studied business communications at Emerson College, and completed post-graduate work in journalism at Penn State University; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Anne Palmer, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and their respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anne Palmer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trowell-Harris Leadership Mentor Award on February 4, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Palmer.