

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**COMMENDING** Donna Flynn-Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the 2016 **Sullivan County Democrat** honoring 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,** Donna Flynn-Brown 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 Donna Flynn-Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the 2016 **Sullivan County Democrat** honoring Professional Women and Women in Business

**WHEREAS,** A graduate of Liberty High School, Donna Flynn-Brown earned her bachelor's degree while attending The University at Albany, The State University of New York at Oneonta and The State University of New York at New Paltz; she furthered her education by obtaining School District Administrator Certification as well as Special Education and Elementary Education Certifications; and

**WHEREAS,** For many years, Donna Flynn-Brown was a teacher before serving as Special Education Administrator; she later served as Assistant Superintendent at Arlington Central School District, LaGrangeville, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2016, Donna Flynn-Brown became the Director of Special/Alternative Education at Sullivan County BOCES in Liberty, New York; in this capacity, she designs, develops and enhances high quality programs and services for students with disabilities and struggling learners while remaining cognizant of the fiscal constraints of her schools; she strives to provide the best educational experiences for all students in the most cost-effective ways possible; and

**WHEREAS,** Many of Donna Flynn-Brown's students will graduate with local or Regents diplomas, while others will exit with job skills which will enable them to immediately enter the work force; to meet these diverse needs, she must purposefully develop programs with the dedicated staff at BOCES as well as input from all Sullivan County schools; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Donna Flynn-Brown 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 Donna Flynn-Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the 2016 **Sullivan County Democrat** honoring Professional Women and Women in Business; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donna Flynn-Brown.