

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.