

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**COMMENDING** Pastor Bridgette LeConey 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,** Bridgette LeConey 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 Bridgette LeConey upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the 2016 **Sullivan County Democrat** honoring Professional Women and Women in Business; and

**WHEREAS,** Bridgette LeConey earned her bachelor's degree in Community and Human Services and master's degree in Liberal Arts from Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, New York; she also received her pastoral certification from Wesley Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS,** For over 37 years, Bridgette LeConey has served as the Pastor for both Liberty and White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Churches; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to her role of Pastor, Bridgette LeConey serves on the Community Advisory Board at the Catskill Regional Medical Center and is a member of the Faith Committee of Hospice of Sullivan and Orange Counties; and

**WHEREAS,** Devoted to her profession, Bridgette LeConey is a teacher at the Licensing School for people going into ministry at the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; she also facilitates a grief and loss support group for the patrons of the church; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her husband, Joseph "Bud" LeConey and her two step-children, Jason and Josh, all of whom 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 Bridgette LeConey 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 Bridgette LeConey 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 Bridgette LeConey.