

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Sara Niccoli upon the occasion of stepping down after six years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sara Niccoli upon the occasion of stepping down after six years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State, to be celebrated with a Farewell Reception on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at University Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Serving as the Executive Director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State from 2011 to 2017, Sara Niccoli is stepping down to take a position with the New York State Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Sara Niccoli was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Sara Niccoli began her illustrious career with the City of Albany Department of Planning and Economic Development; she holds a Master's in Public Administration from the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service at New York University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to building the power of poor and working-class people, Sara Niccoli also served as a fundraising and management consultant with small, not-for-profit social justice groups nationally and was the Director of Development and Communications at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES); and

WHEREAS, In these capacities, Sara Niccoli fought for the creation of good local jobs, a strong social safety net, affordable housing, and restorative justice models; and

WHEREAS, Guided by faith, Sara Niccoli is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stone Arabia; she serves on the Executive Committee of the New York State Council of Churches, and is a member of the New York Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers); and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is Town Supervisor in Palatine and a member of the Montgomery County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Sean, and their

daughter, Olive, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, For the past six years, Sara Niccoli rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State, earning her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sara Niccoli upon the occasion of stepping down after six years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sara Niccoli.