

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Mary Ellen Matise upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Martha Washington Woman of History Award by the Washington Headquarters State Historic Site

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who seek to bring recognition to historical places within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Matise 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 Mary Ellen Matise upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Martha Washington Woman of History Award by the Washington Headquarters State Historic Site to be celebrated on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at the Site in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is presented each year to a woman who has contributed to the history of the Hudson Valley through education, promotion or preservation; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Matise, the Village of Walden's Historian, is well-known for presenting history programs to historical societies and groups; she also frequently contributes various historical articles to the **Wallkill Valley Times**; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Matise has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her profession, Mary Ellen Matise is a founding member of the Coldenham Preservation and Historical Society, and a mentor for the Walden Elementary History Club; in addition, she is a past President of the Walden Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mary Ellen Matise has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mary Ellen Matise has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Mary Ellen Matise, for bringing proper attention to places and times which merit recognition in the

grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Ellen Matise upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Martha Washington Woman of History Award by the Washington Headquarters State Historic Site; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Ellen Matise.