

Assembly Resolution No. 117

BY: M. of A. Fahy

COMMENDING Alice Begley upon the occasion of being
named a 2017 Woman of Distinction

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Alice Begley upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in North Albany, New York, Alice Begley and her late husband, James F. Begley, moved to Westmere, New York, a hamlet in the Town of Guilderland in 1953; she has happily lived in the same ranch house for 63 years; and

WHEREAS, For many decades, Alice Begley has rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service as Historian for the Town of Guilderland; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has brought to her position an abiding commitment to her community, a background rich in experience, and a deep love of history that began long before her appointment as Town Historian; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her long and illuminating career, Alice Begley has highlighted local history and has delighted in sharing her vast knowledge with both young and old; she continues to be an invaluable resource for anyone with a desire to know more about the history of the Town of Guilderland and its surrounding environs; and

WHEREAS, During her outstanding tenure as Town Historian, Alice Begley has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of all of those whose lives she has touched; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been three children, five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as her late husband, James, all of whom have felt privileged to be a part of her life and

rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes that New York State is the home to countless women who are strong and colorful threads, vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have contributed, and continue to add to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Alice Begley upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alice Begley.