

Senate Resolution No. 741

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Clare Murray upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Women's History Month, celebrated each year in March, is a time to reflect upon and pay tribute to the women of our State and Nation for their contributions to their communities and their professions; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that women of every economic, ethnic, and religious background have made significant contributions to their community and to the State of New York, and it is appropriate to recognize them and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Clare Murray upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at The Rye Arts Center, Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Bedford Hills, New York, Clare Murray has truly devoted herself to the welfare of her community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Clare Murray is the Executive Director of the Community Center of Northern Westchester; she has held this esteemed position since 2016, prior to which she served as the organization's Assistant Director for Operations; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Clare Murray, the Community Center of Northern Westchester offers vital services to families and individuals struggling within the local community; and

WHEREAS, Providing support to 2,000 families annually with food and clothing, as well as programs to develop job skills and enhance education, Clare Murray strives to improve economic stability for all who seek help; and

WHEREAS, Leading a team of five employees and over 500 volunteers, Clare Murray brings the community together by engaging the support of individuals, local businesses, and organizations to solve problems in a highly effective way; and

WHEREAS, Clare Murray was born and raised on the south coast of England and trained as a Physical Therapist at the Bath School of Physiotherapy, graduating in 1984; two years later, she moved to Toronto, Canada, where she practiced as a physical therapist in a variety of settings, including St. Michael's Hospital, The Salvation

Army Grace Hospital and the Toronto CCAC; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she lectured at the University of Toronto as a Clinical Instructor, affording her the opportunity to share her experience and her passion in human services; and

WHEREAS, Upon moving to the United States in 2001, Clare Murray managed a retail and wholesale clothing import business to support women artisans in South America; and

WHEREAS, Clare Murray is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including her designation as a 2017 Paul Harris Fellow by North East Westchester Rotary Club for her substantial contributions to the local community; she was also recognized in 2018, as one of The Bedford 25 most dedicated, creative and influential neighbors; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband and two daughters, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned our recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Clare Murray upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 23, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Clare Murray.