

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Jacqueline Nelson upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities Central New York Developmental Disabilities Service Office

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jacqueline Nelson upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities Central New York Developmental Disabilities Service Office (OPWDD CNY DDSO); she officially retired on January 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this extraordinary professional, a retirement party will be held in her honor on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the Delta Lake Inn, in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as a Developmental Assistant III, Jacqueline Nelson served with loyalty, honor and distinction, rendering faithful, conscientious and valuable service to OPWDD CNY DDSO; during her tenure, she earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

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

WHEREAS, An active member of her community, Jacqueline Nelson has served as President of the Rome Branch NAACP since 2015; in the past, she has also been part of many of the committees in the branch including Chairing both the Legal Redress Committee and the Educational Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jacqueline Nelson is a vital part of the New York State's COVID-19 Equity Task Force, which ensures that all people have equal access to the vaccine; she is also a member of the Oneida County Police Reform Committee; and

WHEREAS, In her free time, Jacqueline Nelson is a master quilter, a favorite pastime she has been perfecting since 2012; 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 honor Jacqueline Nelson upon the occasion of her retirement after 36 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacqueline Nelson.