

BY: Senator STEC

COMMENDING Martha Holmes upon the occasion of being named Volunteer of the Year by Mercy Care of the Adirondacks

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Martha Holmes upon the occasion of being named Volunteer of the Year by Mercy Care of the Adirondacks; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award goes to the volunteer who has served for two or more years, has given outstanding services and exemplifies the values of Mercy Care; Martha Holmes is truly deserving of this honor; and

WHEREAS, To show their deep appreciation, Mercy Care of the Adirondacks will present this kind and compassionate woman with the Catherine McAuley medallion; and

WHEREAS, In 1831, the Sisters of Mercy was founded by Catherine McAuley in Ireland; today, this vital organization remains true to its mission, working to help eliminate poverty, the widespread denial of human rights, the degradation of earth, the increase in violence and racism, the continued oppression of women, the abuse of children, the mistreatment of immigrants and the lack of solidarity among people and nations; and

WHEREAS, Martha Holmes truly enjoys helping the residents of her Tupper Lake community, especially the elderly; she happily gives of her time, energies, and love assisting her Elder Friend, whether it be a ride to an appointment or housework; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when

individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Martha Holmes upon the occasion of being named Volunteer of the Year by Mercy Care of the Adirondacks; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martha Holmes.