

BY: Senator ORTT

CONGRATULATING Dawn Harrington upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of New York

WHEREAS, The best public servants are those who take their roles and responsibilities seriously and look to enhance the quality of government; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harrington has dedicated her professional life to improving the atmosphere of workers within the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Whether it was in her role as a Senior Office Support Representative or in her capacities in the Personnel Office, this longtime New York State Senate employee has led with integrity, optimism and sincerity and was always a friendly, familiar face in the halls of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, While she is known for her deep human resource knowledge and organization, Dawn Harrington is somehow even more well-versed in dance as she was a former dance instructor at Sharon's Bodies in Motion in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Dawn Harrington began her illustrious career with New York State Senator Dean Skelos as a temporary employee; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, she returned to the Senate as a full-time employee of New York State Senator Charlie Cook; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Dawn Harrington held various positions and worked her way through the ranks of the New York State Senate; in 1991, she became Office Support Representative for the Senate Office Automation Project (SOAP) before accepting the position of Recruitment and Training Coordinator for the New York State Senate Personnel Office in 2000, and eventually ascending to Director of Personnel in that office; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Dawn Harrington became Director of Minority Administration under Minority Leader John Flanagan, the position from which she is retiring now under Minority Leader Robert Ort; and

WHEREAS, Time and again, Dawn Harrington has shown herself to be invested in more than just the professional growth of staff and consistently goes out of her way to guarantee those around her have positive personal lives; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harrington has dedicated her professional career to helping others without seeking personal recognition and was always dependable; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the Senate, Dawn Harrington is a dedicated wife to her husband, Jeff, and an amazing mother to her two daughters, Meghan and Amanda; and

WHEREAS, In her spare time, she stays active by running or playing golf, and enjoys spending quality time with her family; and

WHEREAS, After more than 30 years of service, Dawn Harrington is retiring from a distinguished career of state service, leaving all those who have worked with her better employees and people due to having known and collaborated with her; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those who have reached such an important milestone in their personal and professional lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dawn Harrington upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of New York, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dawn Harrington.