

BY: Senator MAY

CONGRATULATING Mary T. Kuhn upon the occasion of her retirement after four years of distinguished public service to the Onondaga County Legislature

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of outstanding purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in 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 congratulate Mary T. Kuhn upon the occasion of her retirement after four years of distinguished public service to the Onondaga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, With great diligence and honor, Mary T. Kuhn served as the 7th District Onondaga County Legislator; the 7th District includes a portion of the City of Syracuse and some of its north side; it also includes a large area within the Town of DeWitt, including the Village of East Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Mary T. Kuhn was a Clinical Social Worker who spent over 30 years in public service; she retired as the Director of Onondaga County's Child and Adolescent Outpatient Mental Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years, Mary T. Kuhn was a small business owner, providing therapy for individuals and families, as well as pro bono services for clients of Vera House; and

WHEREAS, A further testament to her dedication to accessible therapy, Mary T. Kuhn worked for Contact Community Services as an on-air therapist for the radio show entitled Teen Talk; and

WHEREAS, Since retirement, Mary T. Kuhn has been involved in the CNY Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition which seeks to educate various faith communities about the injustice of the immigration system and to advocate for and support those individuals caught in it; and

WHEREAS, Mary T. Kuhn is the co-founder of Onondaga Votes!, a non-partisan group focused on voter registration and civic engagement; she is also on the Board of ArtRage, a gallery in the Hawley Green neighborhood of Syracuse which exhibits progressive art supporting social justice and encouraging social change; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate Mary T. Kuhn upon the occasion of her retirement after four years of distinguished public service to the Onondaga County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary T. Kuhn.