

BY: Senator KAVANAGH

HONORING Elizabeth Stack in recognition of the critical work she has done for the Irish American Heritage Museum and in her teaching and research of Irish American History

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 and high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great 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 Elizabeth Stack in recognition of the critical work she has done for the Irish American Heritage Museum and in her teaching and research of Irish American history; and

WHEREAS, Born in Listowel, in County Kerry, Ireland, Elizabeth Stack, PhD, has worked tirelessly as a teacher and researcher, and in her role as Executive Director of the Irish American Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Stack created exhibits on diverse Irish and Irish American subjects, managed the annual budget of the Irish American Heritage Museum, and supervised dedicated staff and volunteers at the museum; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Stack was a recipient of the "Kate Mullany Medal" given by the American Labor Studies Center, which manages the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in Troy, New York and was appointed to the interim board of the American Irish Historical Society by New York State Attorney General Letitia James; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Stack has sought and received numerous grants from the Irish government, arts councils in the United States, and the New York State Legislature; has been successful in advocating for the Irish government to support a number of important projects; and has established a strong ongoing partnership with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her purpose, Elizabeth Stack developed cultural, historical, and educational program of lectures, performances, films and readings from an array of national and international experts and performers, and also developed a monthly program of events which linked the immigrant experience of the Irish to that of other cultural, ethnic, and racial groups; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Stack led the creation of the "Kerry Irish Cottage" and tenement apartment, both of which are current attractions in the Irish American Heritage Museum, and also led the relocation of

the Irish American Heritage Museum to Quackenbush Square and presented to numerous groups from Ireland and colleges in the Capital Region and Northeast; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 residents of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elizabeth Stack in recognition of the critical work she has done for the Irish American Heritage Museum and in her teaching and research of Irish American history; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Stack.