

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING the YWCA of Mohawk Valley upon the occasion of hosting their 35th Annual Salute to Outstanding Women on March 21, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the YWCA of Mohawk Valley upon the occasion of hosting their 35th Annual Salute to Outstanding Women and their award ceremony on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Salute to Outstanding Women is a time-honored tradition upheld by the YWCA of Mohawk Valley to celebrate the amazing contributions and outstanding achievements of local women in Herkimer and Oneida counties, honoring the achievements of more than 250 women since the inaugural event in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Paying tribute to this year's honorees, who embody the meaning of "Outstanding Women," the following women received awards: Ann Rushlo, Business & Industry; Jennifer Adjodha-Evans, Education; Heather Loveland-Button, Entrepreneur; Patricia M. Sterling, Healthcare; Amy Turner, Human and Public Service; Amiyah Evans, Outstanding Youth; Jen DeWeerth, Social Justice; Tamalin C. Martin, STEAM; and

WHEREAS, Nominated by the community and selected by a panel of independent judges, the eight women who received awards were chosen for specific categories of work, sponsored by community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the community-at-large, all proceeds from the fundraiser directly benefit the YWCA of Mohawk Valley's lifesaving, free, confidential, and 24-hour domestic and sexual violence crisis services; and

WHEREAS, The success of the YWCA of Mohawk Valley is in direct correlation to the efforts of its leadership and its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the YWCA of Mohawk Valley, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the YWCA of Mohawk Valley upon the occasion of hosting their 35th Annual Salute to Outstanding Women on March 21, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the YWCA of Mohawk Valley.