

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Diane Bootie upon the occasion of being named to the Volunteer Hall of Fame by the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council on May 14, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Diane Bootie upon the occasion of being named to the Volunteer Hall of Fame by the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council on Tuesday, May 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed honor recognizes a volunteer with a lifetime commitment to the Girl Scout Movement within Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways; Diane Bootie is one such individual, having sustained GSNYPENN in various ways including supporting Girl Scouts in the community, volunteering in a variety of roles and the financial support of the council; and

WHEREAS, Diane Bootie became a Girl Scout volunteer 43 years ago when her daughter expressed her desire to join the organization; during this time, there was not a local troop in their area, so Diane stepped up to form a troop and became its leader; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Diane Bootie has held various volunteer roles including troop leader, service unit manager, recruiter, trainer and product program coordinator; she makes it possible for anyone to join Girl Scouts regardless of background or ability; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her more than four decades of steadfast and unwavering service, members of Diane's numerous troops have benefited greatly from her extensive knowledge, experience and unwavering dedication; she has held every volunteer role in her Service Unit, and has gone above and beyond to serve wherever needed; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, when her former council was at risk of canceling summer camp, Diane Bootie served as its camp health supervisor for two years; and

WHEREAS, Diane Bootie is an active recruiter for her community, reaching out to the school district, handing out flyers, attending open houses and promoting Girl Scouts whenever possible; she has also trained and mentored many GSNYPENN volunteers as an adult facilitator; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman is also part of GSNYPENN's History & Archives Committee; she continues to archive and coordinate council

and Girl Scout history, and works to ensure it is preserved and maintained; and

WHEREAS, She played an instrumental role in revamping the council's heritage and fashion trunks and the Honoring Our Heritage program which are now available to all troops across the council; and

WHEREAS, Diane Bootie's dedication and hard work have had an immeasurable impact on the success of GSNYPENN; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Diane Bootie has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Diane Bootie, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Diane Bootie upon the occasion of being named to the Volunteer Hall of Fame by the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council on May 14, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diane Bootie.