

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Rosemary Benzo Bonacci upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature 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 honor Rosemary Benzo Bonacci upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Vice President of Sitrin Foundation & Communications, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci served with loyalty, honor, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Born in Utica and currently residing in Whitesboro with her husband Michael Bonacci, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci holds degrees in Business, Human Resource Management, and Communications, from Mohawk Valley Community College, The New School for Social Research, and the College of St. Rose, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Working at Utica University as an Adjunct Professor in Business & Justice Studies, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci teaches courses in public relations management, case analysis, and strategic campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Well-versed in her field of employment, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci is adept in non-profit philanthropy, advancement, grant proposal writing, special events, and communications and marketing, and has always proven to be an asset to the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Her skills relating to strategic planning, program development, legislative relations, media relations, crisis communication, as well as social media management, have allowed her to excel in her field, serving as a role model for others; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci created the Easter Bag Brigade in 2016, a program to provide custom-made Easter bags to Pre-K children at the Thea Bowman House as well as at the

Neighborhood Center; approximately 200 children receive these bags annually as a direct result of the devoted volunteers who consistently show up for the Easter Bag Brigade; and

WHEREAS, In her giving nature, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci is also active with Halloween Bags for Bowman which provides candy bags for Pre-K children at the Thea Bowman House yearly; she also participates in the annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family program through the House, as well as selflessly supports Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen through holiday giving; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci also proudly holds membership on the Slocum-Dickson Foundation and Sitrin Foundation Boards; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center, Rosemary Benzo Bonacci earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues, and gave unstintingly of herself to the progression, growth, and success of her career endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rosemary Benzo Bonacci upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rosemary Benzo Bonacci.