

Assembly Resolution No. 2095

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**HONORING** the recipients of the LeadingAge New York  
2024 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards

**WHEREAS,** Employees of New York's not-for-profit, mission-driven, and public providers strive to improve the quality of life for New York's older adults and individuals with disabilities or medically complex conditions, thereby meriting the highest commendation; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate the activity aides, directors, nursing assistants, plant operations managers, social workers, environmental services workers, dining professionals, housekeepers, recreation therapy leaders, program development managers, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and support aides, and other critical members of the workforce who have been nominated by their peers, supervisors, and management personnel to receive this recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1961, LeadingAge New York, formerly the New York Association of Homes & Services for the Aging, under the leadership of James W. Clyne Jr., is the only statewide organization representing the entire continuum of not-for-profit, mission-driven, and public senior living and aging services, including nursing homes, home care agencies, senior housing, retirement communities, assisted living, adult care facilities, adult day health care, and managed long-term care; and

**WHEREAS,** LeadingAge New York's over 400 not-for-profit, mission-driven, and public provider members serve an estimated 500,000 New Yorkers of all ages annually; and

**WHEREAS,** LeadingAge New York's Long Term Care Employee of Distinction program recognizes those who dedicate themselves to delivering high-quality services and care to those who need it, while operating during a long-term care workforce crisis and in the aftermath of a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** Recipients of recognition include: Sheila Baldwin, Island Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Peggy McCormack, Parker Jewish Institute; Michael Johnson, The New Jewish Home, HAPI; Noemi Rivera, Elizabeth Seton Children's Center; Mary Barone, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Robert Cammilleri, Monroe Community Hospital; Amanda Connolly-Spoon, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Qais Qaderi, Jewish Home - The Summit at Brighton; Erin Vanderwoude, Unity Living Center; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the dedicated individuals of New York State who, day after day, perform their jobs in an exemplary manner making them worthy of recognition by LeadingAge New York's 2024 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each of the recipients of the LeadingAge New York 2024 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards.