

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Susan D. Cummings upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the nature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Our local governments, our State and our Nation have been strengthened by generations of Americans who felt a sense of responsibility to their community, to one another and to their families; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susan Cummings upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 12 years, Susan Cummings rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable public service; and

WHEREAS, Susan Cummings was elected to Ulster County Legislature in 1986 where she spent 24 loyal years of service; during that time she chaired numerous legislative committees including the powerful Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, The first woman to serve as Ways and Means Chair, Majority Leader and Minority Whip, Susan Cummings has led a significant and impressive career; and

WHEREAS, Susan Cummings joined Senator John J. Bonacic's staff in 1998 as the DO Manager for then Assemblyman Bonacic; a year later she became the Ulster County Liaison for now Senator Bonacic; she remained in that position until her retirement in 2010; and

WHEREAS; The proud recipient of a multitude of awards and accolades, Susan D. Cummings was given the Ulster County Trappers Appreciation Award, the Camp Emunah and National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education Empowerment Award and the Federated Sportsmans Club Appreciation Award as well as the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Ulster County Pearl Award; and

WHEREAS, Susan Cummings was an honoree for the prestigious YWCA of Ulster County Tribute to Women Award; and

WHEREAS, A devoted member of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Susan Cummings, also currently serves as Chapter Chair and Executive Board Member of RSVP of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Ulster County Community Liaison for Senator John Bonacic, Susan Cummings served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving husband John, and their wonderful daughter, the pride of their lives, Jennifer Lynn, both of whom feel privileged to be part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

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

WHEREAS, During her tenure with Senator John Bonacic, Susan Cummings earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Susan D. Cummings upon the occasion of her retirement after 12

years of distinguished service to the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan D. Cummings.