

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Louise McNeilly upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Louise McNeilly upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Louise McNeilly earned an undergraduate degree in Peace and Development Studies and a Master of Science degree in Community Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Louise McNeilly has worked in social change, community organizing and community development as well as with local and national peace and economic justice groups; and

WHEREAS, During her 15-year tenure with the Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region, Louise brought a substantial financial investment into Albany, New York's disinvested neighborhoods for projects of high social and economic impact, and she encouraged other financial institutions to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Louise McNeilly is working with the Affordable Housing Partnership and the Albany Community Land Trust to help prevent foreclosures, revitalize Sheridan Hollow, increase outreach, and facilitate increased efforts among nonprofit community development groups; and

WHEREAS, As a neighborhood organizer, Louise McNeilly has led a number of initiatives to preserve and improve the quality of life for her community, including Friends of the Normanskill Farm, the Delaware Community Farmer's Market, a Walk to Work effort, Citizens for Responsible Zoning, neighborhood planning and a community purchase of a commercial property; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Louise McNeilly has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Louise McNeilly upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany on June 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louise McNeilly.