

Senate Resolution No. 3359

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** LuAnn Cherry upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Annual American Labor Studies Award by the American Labor Studies Center

**WHEREAS,** Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS,** LuAnn Cherry has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor LuAnn Cherry upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Annual American Labor Studies Award by the American Labor Studies Center to be celebrated on Friday, December 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Labor Studies Center (ALSC) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote the teaching of the American labor movement and its history in the nation's elementary and secondary schools, including such areas as its history, organizations, activities, and unions; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Butler, Pennsylvania, LuAnn Cherry is a retired special education teacher; she spent 37 years with special needs children in public education, retiring in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** LuAnn Cherry completed her four-year degree in Elementary Education and Special Education in three years at Slippery Rock University; and

**WHEREAS,** With a passion for Genealogy, LuAnn Cherry is currently seeking a Master's degree in Genealogy, Heraldry, and Paleographics at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland; and

**WHEREAS,** Always aspiring to learn more about her family, LuAnn Cherry researched and wrote two family history books, one for her maternal line and one for her paternal line, tracing her roots back to the Mayflower; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon meeting historical reenactors at a colonial craft show, LuAnn and her husband joined a French and Indian War reenactment group in 1989, and made a life changing commitment; soon after, they joined a Revolutionary War reenactment group, traveling to such sites as Williamsburg, Virginia, Fort Niagara, New York, and Fortress of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, to portray life in the 18th century; not only did she and her husband fall in love with this pastime but their two sons did as well; today, their daughter in laws and three granddaughters also reenact whenever possible; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, this fascinating woman researches almost every day looking for new and interesting family information; she is researching and writing a book about her great-great-grandfather and his surname change in the British Isles; when she is not researching at home, she is traveling to places the family lived, such as Northern Ireland and Italy; and

**WHEREAS,** When not travelling or researching, LuAnn Cherry can be found in her garden and kitchen; she loves to grow vegetables and herbs, cook and spend time with her three granddaughters; family is the most important thing in her life; and

**WHEREAS,** A proud member of the Daughter of the American Revolution, LuAnn Cherry 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,** With her throughout have been her husband, their two sons, and their spouses, as well as their three granddaughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which LuAnn Cherry has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor LuAnn Cherry upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Annual American Labor Studies Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to LuAnn Cherry.