Senate Resolution No. 902

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Patricia M. Fox Reilly, dedicated elected official, registered nurse, and committed volunteer

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Patricia M. Fox Reilly of Mount Kisco, New York died on November 29, 2022, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Born to the late Mayor J. Edward Fox and Mary Fox on April 16, 1931, in Mount Kisco, New York, Patricia M. Fox Reilly lived a life of service and commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, Patricia M. Fox Reilly attended Saint Francis Grammar School and the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel before moving onto her post-secondary education at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, New York University (B.S. in Nursing), and Western Connecticut State University (M.S.); she first worked at the, then, Mount Kisco Hospital, beginning her career there in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Patricia M. Fox Reilly distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Serving as an elected official in Mount Kisco for ten years, Patricia M. Fox Reilly was a Trustee for six years, and fulfilled the esteemed role of Mayor for four; a lifelong citizen of the village, she was motivated to make significant, positive change and impacts that would leave the area better than she found it; and

WHEREAS, After raising her six children, Patricia M. Fox Reilly was employed as a Nurse-Teacher and Health Services Coordinator in the Bedford Central School District for many years; she also continued to lend her time as a substitute nurse in the school system for a period after her retirement; additionally, she worked at the Swiss Home in her free time; and

WHEREAS, Faith was also incredibly important in Patricia M. Fox Reilly's life; she was a lifelong parishioner of Saint Francis of Assisi Church, and served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and member of the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades and recognitions, Patricia M. Fox Reilly has been honored by each of the following organizations over her lifetime: Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (Past President); Mount Kisco Historical Society (trustee); Friends in Service Helping (FISH) (coordinator & driver); Salvation Army (former

district volunteer); Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester (Board Member for 48 years); Search for Change (Director); Beautification Committee (Trustee & Former Chairperson); Mount Kisco Recreation Commission (Former Chairperson); Mount Kisco Seniors (Past President & Vice President); Northern Westchester Hospital Presidents' Council; Alpha Beta Delta Sorority (Former President); Memorial Day Committee; and Woodcrest Homeowners Association (Past President & Board Member); and

WHEREAS, She was the Grand Marshall of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Mount Kisco, Aide to the Grand Marshall for the NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade; was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame; was the Knights of Columbus Recognition of Civic Leader of the Year; received the Salvation Army Volunteer Award, and was Mount Kisco Citizen of the Year in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Patricia M. Fox Reilly's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, With a love for spending time with family and friends, Patricia M. Fox Reilly cherished her six decades of memories from time spent in Cape Cod; she was often involved in numerous parades, and cherished time spent together with family on holidays, always inviting more and more guests to join in on the festivities; and

WHEREAS, Patricia M. Fox Reilly is survived by her beloved sister, Joan; her cherished children, Marlene, Edward, Patrick, Kathy, John, and Kevin; her adored thirteen grandchildren, Kristina, Dustin, Kelly, Ian, Bridget, Patrick A., Brian, Catie, Martha, Charlie, Teddy, Aleah, and Danny; and her many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who became family throughout her lifetime; she was predeceased by her brother-in-law, William, "Bill," who rounded out the "three musketeers" of Pat, Joan, and Bill; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Patricia M. Fox Reilly leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Patricia M. Fox Reilly, dedicated elected official, registered nurse, and committed volunteer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Patricia M. Fox Reilly.