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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Virginia Clark upon the occasion of receiving the 2009 Athena Award from the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and Canandaigua Business and Professional Women's Group

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Virginia Clark upon the occasion of receiving the 2009 Athena Award from the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and Canandaigua Business and Professional Women's Group; and

WHEREAS, The Vice President of Community Affairs for Constellation Brands, Virginia Clark returned to Canandaigua, New York after two years of college and opened Dollinger Travel with the goal of building relationships with local businesses; and

WHEREAS, The first account for Virginia Clark was Canandaigua Wine, and as the company grew, so did their relationship; in 1988, she created what is now the in-house travel department at Constellation Brands; and

WHEREAS, A true citizen of Canandaigua, New York, Virginia Clark believes in giving back to the community she loves so much; she oversaw the construction of the New York Wine and Culinary Center and the Constellation Brands Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center, both of which opened on time and on budget in 2006; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Virginia Clark led the project team for building the new project headquarters for Constellation Brands in 2007, while working with Richard Sands and Laurie O'Shaunnesy on a campaign to expand the Canandaigua YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Clark received a Bachelor of Science degree with highest honors from Rochester Institute of Technology and used the Constellation Brands Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center as her thesis for rebuilding an operational model to earn a Master of Science degree in 2008; and

WHEREAS, With Virginia Clark throughout have been her husband, Rob, their three daughters, Shaunna, Allison and Shannon, and granddaughter, Sara Kate, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Virginia Clark upon the occasion of receiving the 2009 Athena Award from the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and Canandaigua Business and Professional Women's Group, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Virginia Clark.