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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending President and Chief Executive Officer Julie A. Shimer, Ph. D., upon the occasion of her retirement from Welch Allyn

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Julie Shimer upon the occasion of her retirement from Welch Allyn; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julie Shimer graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's degree in physics and earned her master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from Lehigh University; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Welch Allyn, Dr. Julie Shimer served as President and CEO of Vocera Communications, a wireless communications company based in California; and

WHEREAS, She also held other executive positions such as Vice President and General Manager of networking products at 3Com Corp., 2000-2001; Vice President and General Manager for the paging division at Motorola, 1993-1999, as well as Vice President of its semiconductor products section; and administrative positions at AT&T Bell Laboratories and Bethlehem Steel Company; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Julie Shimer joined Welch Allyn as a member of its Board of Directors; in March of 2007, she was elected President and CEO, becoming the first woman to hold these high offices in the 95 year history of Welch Allyn; and

WHEREAS, During the first two years, Welch Allyn, under the luminous direction of its new President and CEO, won Best Places to Work honors

in Ireland and Mexico; Dr. Julie Shimer also began developing an innovative platform of connected devices which led to a slate of solutions that enable healthcare professionals to access and manage patient data in real time, ultimately allowing for more effective and efficient patient care; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, and also within the first two years, Welch Allyn broke ground on an extensive expansion project at its global headquarters in Skaneateles Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Julie Shimer holds board positions with Welch Allyn, Netgear, and CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity; and is a member of both the Society of Women Engineers, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2011, Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Dr. Julie Shimer Chairwoman of Empire State Development Corp., New York's economic development organization, becoming the first woman to serve in this position; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President and CEO of Welch Allyn, Dr. Julie Shimer served with loyalty, honor, and distinction, providing extensive experience in the management of developing and selling of technology products, while providing important perspectives in business management; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Dr. Julie Shimer earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues, proving to be a true asset to society; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend President and CEO Julie A. Shimer, Ph. D., upon the occasion of

her retirement from Welch Allyn; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Julie A. Shimer, Ph.D.