

## 2013-J74

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joan Dembinski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Arts and Culture Award by Senior Services of Albany

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, Joan Dembinski 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 Joan Dembinski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Arts and Culture Award by Senior Services of Albany, celebrated at its Third Age Achievement Awards Event on Friday, November 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Joan Dembinski 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, Joan Dembinski grew up and continues to reside in Albany, New York; she attended Albany Academy for Girls and graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a degree in Zoology; and

WHEREAS, Joan Dembinski spent 30 years at Sterling Winthrop Research Institute evaluating investigational medicines for heart failure and diabetes in humans; she also spent 20 years at Omnicare Clinical Research as project director; and

WHEREAS, After 50 years in medical research, Joan Dembinski decided to pursue her love of cooking by enrolling in Schenectady County Community College's culinary program; and

WHEREAS, Joan Dembinski graduated at the top of her culinary class and currently works in the kitchen at Yono's restaurant whipping up homemade

bread and pastries much to the delight of the customers and staff; and  
WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman is a silver medal contest winner of  
the American Culinary Federation's Annual Competition Classic held at  
Schenectady Community College and was on the team that won a gold medal  
at the Knowledge Bowl ACF Competition held in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and  
WHEREAS, Joan Dembinski continues to travel and volunteer at the Equi-  
nox Thanksgiving Event and Honest Weight Food Co-Op; and  
WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a  
period of constructive involvement, Joan Dembinski has stood constant in  
dignity, good grace and humor; and  
WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-  
ual for the benefit of others which Joan Dembinski has displayed  
throughout her life; and  
WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-  
uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-  
tion, 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  
honor Joan Dembinski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient  
of the 2012 Arts and Culture Award by Senior Services of Albany; and be  
it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Joan Dembinski.