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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ricja Rice, Esq. upon the occasion of her Installation as incoming Recording Secretary for the Capital District Women's Bar Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Ricja Rice has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ricja Rice, Esq. upon the occasion of her Installation as incoming Recording Secretary for the Capital District Women's Bar Association, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Tuesday, June 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Women's Bar Association Legal Project, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit agency that was founded by the Capital District Women's Bar Association in 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Legal Project mission believes all people, regardless of income, gender, disability, race, religion, age, sexual orientation or ethnicity should have access to legal services; this belief reflects a deep commitment to fairness and equal justice under the law; and

WHEREAS, Queens native and the first lawyer in her family, Ricja Rice has a bachelor's degree from Union College in Political Science and African Studies with a minor in Sociology; she also obtained her law degree from Albany Law School; and

WHEREAS, Ricja Rice has served as a Co-Chair of the Diversity and Gender Fairness Committee for the Capital District Women's Bar Association for the past four years; in her capacity as Co-Chair, she has orchestrated and participated in the annual diversity program held at Albany Law School on increasing diversity on the bench and bar; and WHEREAS, Practicing in the courts and now meeting with many advocacy groups from around New York State, Ricja Rice tirelessly works on breaking barriers based on poverty, language, race, sex, gender and disability; she has drafted several pieces of legislation to create equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ricja Rice, Esq. upon the occasion of her Installation as incoming Recording Secretary for the Capital District Women's Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ricja Rice, Esq.