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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gretchen Sprock upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the inaugural Community Spirit Award by Rome Art and Community Center on June 21, 2013

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gretchen Sprock upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the inaugural Community Spirit Award by Rome Art and Community Center to be celebrated at the Lunch on the Lawn event on Friday, June 21, 2013, at RACC, Stevens-Kingsley Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, The Community Spirit Award is given to an individual who exemplifies the true meaning of community spirit in Rome, New York; this worthy award will be given annually to an individual nominated by community members, who helps to improve the lives of area residents, works in partnership with individuals or organizations to achieve community service goals, and who exhibits positivity, team work, resourcefulness and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen Sprock is known throughout the region for her generosity, spirit of volunteerism and love for her close-knit community; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Gretchen Sprock has taken on an active role in the community, serving on boards of directors for dozens of organizations; she has impacted several organizations, including Rome United Way, Rome Rescue Mission, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Rome Memorial Hospital, Rome College Foundation and the Capitol Theater, reflecting tireless efforts, especially on behalf of those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with non-profit organizations, Gretchen Sprock has served on the Oneida County Community Services Board, advocating for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Rome Hospital Foundation's Smart Woman Award, and the 2011 State Senate Women of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen Sprock is well-known for her involvement in Rome Twigs, the Upstate Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors, the Rome Chamber of Commerce, and the Wednesday Morning Club, as well as a life member of the Delta Omega Sorority; and

WHEREAS, She is a past member of the Rome Hospital Board of Directors, the Rome United Way Board of Directors and the Rome Historical Society, a past trustee of Jervis Public Library, a past member of the Mid-York Library Board and past-president of the Rome Twigs; and

WHEREAS, While President of the Rome Twigs, Gretchen Sprock, along with the then hospital administrator, started the Tree of Lights, a fund-raiser which is still currently held which supports the hospital; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Gretchen Sprock upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the inaugural Community Spirit Award by Rome Art and Community Center on June 21, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gretchen Sprock.