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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Laurie Mastin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Geneseean of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

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 enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Laurie Mastin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Geneseean of the Year Award by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Awards Ceremony, to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at the Clarion Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Mastin is a special person and a unique asset to Genesee County; she has been a Consumer Representative Professional at National Grid for the past 34 years, working exclusively in Western New York, and the majority of her career in the Batavia Service Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Laurie is viewed by senior management, as well as her peers, as an employee of excellence; given her exceptional attributes, she could have chosen any of the higher levels within National Grid, however, due to her priorities of family and sincere commitment to the local area, her life choices have benefited all of Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Laurie Mastin's volunteerism to Genesee County began as an active mom, heavily involved in raising her sons; she was a Cub Scout den leader and Committee member of Pavilion

Cub Scout Pack 16 and Boy Scout Troop 16; within Boy Scouts, she was a presenter/counselor at Letchworth District Merit Badge Scout College, and organized the first Genesee District Merit Badge College at GCC for local scouts in all towns of Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, From 1998 to 2004, Laurie Mastin was an active volunteer and organizer for the Steve Garland Wrestling Tournament at the Pavilion Central School, and for more than seven years, she was Junior Achievement (JA) Presenter at John Kennedy School in Batavia; for the past three years, she has been a presenter with the counties Business Education Alliance's (BEA) annual BOCES trade-fair; and

WHEREAS, As a woman of faith, Laurie Mastin has always supported her church, St. Mary's of Pavilion; she is a regular volunteer at the Church's breakfast, and served on the Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, Laurie Mastin has gone above and beyond in her involvement with the Rotary of Batavia; she is currently in her second term as a Rotary Board Member, and serves as the Board's Co-Secretary; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Laurie Mastin has been an active Rotary Chairperson on the Youth Exchange Selection, Christmas at County Nursing Home, Girls Basketball Tournament, Oktoberfest, and the UW Day of Caring Rotary teams; in recognition of her tremendous Batavia Rotary commitment, she was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Mastin has also given of her time and energies to GO-ART; throughout her decade of volunteerism to this organization, she has served in numerous capacities, some of which include Treasurer on the Board and Secretary on the Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her volunteerism in business and the arts, one of Laurie Mastin's finest qualities is her tender heart for the less fortunate in the community; The Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern is the "Agency of Last Resort", working with people who have nowhere else

to go; Laurie provided leadership to the Ministry of Concern, serving on their Board of Directors from 2009 to 2011, as well as for their Youth Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Laurie Mastin chose Leadership Genesee (LG) as her source for personal development; her commitment to LG exposed her to a broader view of Genesee County beyond her personal and professional experiences; and

WHEREAS, Well after her graduation, Laurie Mastin continues to support the LG mission, and since 2004 has served on the Steering and Scholarship committees, shaping the program to build future Genesee leaders; in 2007, LG named her their Alumnus of the Year, in gratitude for her passionate contributions to advance the organization; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA of Genesee County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity to all; in 2008, Laurie Mastin was recognized and presented with the Fabulous Female Award for her embodiment of each of these attributes; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Mastin provides true leadership to each grateful organization she touches throughout Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 31 years, Randy, and their three sons, Gregory, Andrew, and Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Laurie Mastin; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Laurie Mastin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Geneseean of the Year Award by the Genesee County

Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laurie Mastin.