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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Adriene Emmo upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 ATHENA Award from The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Adriene Emmo upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 ATHENA Award from The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on Thursday, September 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The ATHENA Award is presented annually to a woman for her professional excellence, community service, and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this prestigious award provides the community with an environment where women's accomplishments and contributions are valued, as well as clearly defined role models for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Adriene Emmo of Seneca Falls, New York, earned a degree in Business Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology; she continued her education at Northeastern University where she received her expedited program Paralegal Certification; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Adriene Emmo formed her own bankruptcy consulting firm, Emmo Consulting, and for many years has provided her expertise in bankruptcy and business reorganization to national and international firms of renown; and

WHEREAS, A sought after expert in administration of the proceedings

associated with the Chapter 11 filings, Adriene Emmo has become a mentor and guide to most new professional associates in the firm; although officially retired, she continues to be called upon to consult on cases where her specialized knowledge is required; and

WHEREAS, Projecting the same professionalism into her volunteerism, Adriene Emmo is an active participant in countless organizations, lending her heart and soul to each and every board and organization she serves; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Heritage Area Commission for the Village of Seneca Falls since 2004, Adriene Emmo has led the group for most of those years as Commission Chair; she has also served as Acting Director of the Heritage Area Visitor Center, as well as President of the local chapter of the Friends of the Women's Rights National Historic Park; and

WHEREAS, A long-standing member of the Convention Days Committee, Adriene Emmo is also the founder of the annual Classic Car Show in Seneca Falls which draws in thousands of spectators each year; she is a strong contributor to the Seneca Falls Chapter of Kiwanis International, a founding member of the local chapter of the National Organization of Women, and an active board member for the Women's Interfaith Institute; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, due to her years of tireless dedication to so many organizations that celebrate the history of Seneca Falls, Adriene Emmo was named the Official Ambassador of Seneca Falls in 2011; she is now one of the most learned and reliable resources for information to both tourists and local residents; and

WHEREAS, A founding member of the Women's Institute of Leadership and Learning, Adriene Emmo is dedicated not only to serving her community, but also to the advancement of women; her mission and work encourage

women to learn the challenges faced by women across the globe, and to become a part of the solution; and

WHEREAS, Adriene Emmo received the New York State Liberty Award in

2009 for her outstanding service to her community, and was honored as the 2011 Woman of the Year by the Seneca County Women's Coalition; and WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her loving husband, Daniel Robert Emmo, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Adriene Emmo upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 ATHENA Award from The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adriene Emmo.