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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joan Bartolomeo upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joan Bartolomeo upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; the theme of this year's commemoration is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious and varied career, Joan Bartolomeo has consistently epitomized the values of character, courage, and commitment in her unwavering service to her peers, colleagues, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Joan Bartolomeo, a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York, joined the Community Development Department of Signature Bank in October of 2013; at Signature Bank, she works to form strategic partnerships to meet the credit needs of individuals, businesses, municipalities, and

community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity at Signature Bank, Joan Bartolomeo serves as the community's link to the expertise and financial products that the Bank offers; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Signature Bank, Joan Bartolomeo worked for the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation for 29 years, serving as President for 23 years; here, she matched her personal and professional interest in community and economic empowerment with an organization equally dedicated to working in that arena; and

WHEREAS, Joan Bartolomeo is a founding board member of New Partners for Community Revitalization, which arose from the Pocantico Roundtable on Brownfields, in which she participated; involved with a number of not-for-profit organizations in Brooklyn, she also serves on the Brooklyn Public Library Success Council, the board of the Kingsborough Community College Foundation, and several boards relating to SUNY Downstate Medical Center's biotechnology initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Joan Bartolomeo obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biology, and a Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Long Island University, from which she received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service to her community, the State of New York, and the nation, Joan Bartolomeo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Joan Bartolomeo and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 commend Joan Bartolomeo upon the occasion of being honored in conjunc-

tion with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan Bartolomeo.