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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Paula A. Stopera upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 22, 2014

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging esteemed citizens of the State who have distinguished themselves in their community; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Paula A. Stopera has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paula A. Stopera upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Capital District YMCA President's Award, to be celebrated at its Annual President's Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at the Albany Marriott; and

WHEREAS, Paula A. Stopera began her illustrious career with CAP COM Federal Credit Union in 1980; she was promoted through the organization to her current position of President and CEO in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Paula A. Stopera, CAP COM has grown to become the second largest credit union in the Capital Region; it has earned top national rankings, and has consistently been recognized as one of the Best Places to Work by the ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW; and

WHEREAS, In addition, CAP COM received the 2012 and 2013 Crystal Performance Award from Raddon Financial Group based on performance levels of excellence in growth, income, efficiency, and margin manage-

ment; the credit union was also honored with the 2012 Van Rensselaer Corporate Award in recognition of its long-standing role in supporting the region's quality of life, civic, and community organizations; and WHEREAS, Treasurer on the Credit Union's Board of Directors, Paula A. Stopera sits on the Board of Managers of the CAP COM Group, which includes subsidiaries of the credit union; and

WHEREAS, Paula A. Stopera has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for helping those in need, Paula A. Stopera was instrumental in creating The CAP COM Cares Foundation, which strives to nurture the community by supporting health and wellness, financial literacy and education, as well as children and underprivileged families; and

WHEREAS, Paula A. Stopera has served on the Board of the Capital District YMCA since 2005, and is currently serving as past chairman; under her guidance, CAP COM generously supports the Albany City School District's Afterschool Program, and allows children from low-income families the opportunity to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Paula A. Stopera serves on the Board of Directors of The Center for Economic Growth and the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; she is also a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee for the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and

WHEREAS, Paula A. Stopera is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, some of which include the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce's Women of Excellence Award, the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award, and the Hudson Valley Community College Otto V. Guenther Career

Achievement Award; she was also selected as Professional of the Year by The Credit Union Association of New York, and was the 2011 recipient of the Arthur Kapner Spirit Award from the Albany-Colonie Chamber of

Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Paula A. Stopera has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Paula A. Stopera has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Paula A. Stopera upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paula A. Stopera.