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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carmel Patrick 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, Carmel Patrick 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 Carmel Patrick 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, Executive Director of Development at Schenectady County Community College (SCCC), Carmel Patrick has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, fundraising, grant writing, community development, and marketing; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Carmel Patrick has been instrumental in the establishment of 37 new scholarship funds; she initiated the School of Music campaign in 2012 and actively sought new private foundation funding and was subsequently awarded numerous grants; and

WHEREAS, Carmel Patrick holds a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from New York University, as well as a Master's degree in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from the State University of New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her role at SCCC, Carmel Patrick served as the Chief Development and Public Relations professional for the Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium, Senior Services of Albany, and the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York; she also served as Director of Training and Events, as well as Director of Volunteer Development for United Way of Northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, Carmel Patrick 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, A member of Women in Development and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Carmel Patrick serves on the Council for Resource Development Resource Papers Editorial Committee; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Carmel Patrick is a member of the Rotary Club of Schenectady, and currently serves as its President-Elect; she was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2013 by the Rotary Club of Schenectady, which also recognized her as Rotarian of the Year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is a Past Member and Past Chairperson of the Troy YMCA Board of Directors, and has served on the Steering Committee for the CDYMCA's Black and Latino Achievers Program since its inception; and

WHEREAS, A member of the YMCA of Northeastern New York's Nominating Committee and the planning committee for the Women Against MS Annual Luncheon, Carmel Patrick is a former Co-Chair for the Chamber's Tech Valley Non-Profit Business Council's Program Committee; she graduated from the Chamber's Capital Leadership program in 1997, and previously volunteered on its steering committee; and

WHEREAS, Carmel Patrick is a frequent guest speaker on management topics and lectures on community services and career development at local schools and colleges; in 2006, she was recognized as an Adult Achiever by the Capital District YMCA for her volunteer leadership with

its Black and Latino Achievers Program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Carmel Patrick has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, William B. Patrick, and two step-sons, Tarin and Caleb, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carmel Patrick 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 Carmel Patrick.