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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carolyn S. Kaplan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Building Sustainable Communities Award, to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals and organizations from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carolyn S. Kaplan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Building Sustainable Communities Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the GE Theatre at Proctors, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The GOBY Awards (Get on Board Volunteer Awards) recognize companies, organizations and individuals who have provided exemplary volunteer services in New York's Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn S. Kaplan is counsel and Chief Sustainability Officer for Nixon Peabody, LLP; she represents clients interested in leveraging their focus on sustainability to bring new products, technologies and solutions to market; and

WHEREAS, As part of her role in overseeing Nixon Peabody's Legally Green initiative, Carolyn S. Kaplan assists clients to create long-term value through sustainable business strategies and collaborates with leading organizations on sustainable initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn S. Kaplan's work with her law firm's Green Operations

Steering Committee and Local Sustainability teams have led to the implementation of sustainability policies and practices throughout the firm; recent efforts include LEED Silver and Gold certification for several of the company's offices; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman frequently speaks at conferences, seminars, and other industry events discussing the value of sustainable practices; she also partners with global leaders and NGOs, working to develop innovative solutions to social and environmental challenges; and WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who give of their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carolyn S. Kaplan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Building Sustainable Communities Award at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carolyn S. Kaplan.