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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michelle Hines Abram upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts Ambassador 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 Michelle Hines Abram upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts Ambassador 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, Michelle Hines Abram is a graduate of the French Culinary Institute in New York City, and has worked at some of the best restaurants in the industry, garnering numerous awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, this esteemed woman founded MHA Innovation, a company which provides public relations, marketing, and hospitality management resources to chefs in the Capitol Region; she also recently became director of sales and marketing for Normanside Country Club and its restaurant, One Six Five; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Hines Abram helped found and currently serves on the

Board of Directors for the "Albany Chefs' Food & Wine Festival: Wine & Dine for the Arts"; the mission of this popular event is to promote and enhance Albany by highlighting and marketing its chefs' innovative cuisine and to provide sustainable funding to the downtown arts community; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Hines Abram has made a commitment to using her talents and experience to help build a better community; her numerous charitable endeavors include serving as Executive Director for Dance Crazy, a board member for the Stakeholders Foundation, volunteering with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, hosting LunaFest to benefit Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation and founding the Meil Fleur Societe; furthermore she is responsible for organizing the annual fundraiser and golf outing to benefit Yono's Scholarship Foundation; 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 Michelle Hines Abram upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts Ambassador Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michelle Hines Abram.