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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alane Ball Chinian upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Saving Special Places Award by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

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, Alane Ball Chinian 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 Alane Ball Chinian upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Saving Special Places Award by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, to be celebrated at its Annual Spring Awards Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at Treviso by Mallozzi's, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Alane Ball Chinian 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, The Saving Special Places Award recognizes an individual for their significant contribution to land conservation in the region, which will have a lasting impact extending beyond a single neighborhood, and is clearly linked to the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's (MHLC) dedication to saving special places; and

WHEREAS, Alane Ball Chinian is receiving this award for her extensive work in conservation throughout the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, As Regional Director of the Saratoga-Capital District New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Alane Ball Chinian has been instrumental in the creation of a new master plan for Thatcher State Park as the Park celebrates its 100th Anniversary;

the Helderbergs, of which Thatcher Park is a centerpiece, is an area of special significance to MHLC, and an area it is focused on conserving; and

WHEREAS, Alane Ball Chinian holds a Bachelor's degree in Art History and Anthropology from Hamilton College and a Master's degree in Environmental Management and Policy from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, With more than 25 years of experience in non-profit development and management for conservation and community development organizations, Alane Ball Chinian served as Executive Director of Saratoga P.L.A.N., a community planning and conservation organization for the Saratoga Region; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Alane Ball Chinian managed numerous public and private grants to develop parks, trails and nature preserves in the Saratoga Region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Alane Ball Chinian has also served as Executive Director of the Open Space Project, as well as Regional Director of Development for New York State, Director of Special Projects and Assistant Director for The Nature Conservancy in New York City and Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Alane Ball Chinian has served as Vice-Chair of the Village of Cambridge Planning Board, Cambridge Main Street Facade Grant Panelist, NYSA Architecture, Planning and Design Program Panelist, and Advisory Board Member of the Rensselaer-Taconic Land Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Alane Ball Chinian 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 Alane Ball Chinian has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alane Ball Chinian upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Saving Special Places Award by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alane Ball Chinian.