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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kimberly Lyons upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Young Alumna in Public Administration and Policy Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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, Kimberly Lyons 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 Kimberly Lyons upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Young Alumna in Public Administration and Policy Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its 2014 Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 16, 2014, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy honors individuals such as Kimberly Lyons, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Lyons is an Assistant Vice President/Analyst with Moody's Investor Service where she serves as the lead rating analyst for a number of state governments including Georgia, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, A 2002 graduate of the University of Albany, Kimberly Lyons holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology; she also earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Albany Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Working in the field of municipal credit analysis for almost

a decade, Kimberly Lyons began her illustrious career in bond insurance at Financial Guaranty Insurance Company; she currently serves as co-president of Northeast Women in Public Finance, which provides mentoring, career development, as well as educational and networking opportunities for women in the public finance industry; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is a founding member of Moody's Multicultural Employee Group, an affinity group that comprises many ethnicities within the company, and whose mission is to explore and celebrate the diverse cultures within the organization; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Kimberly Lyons was honored with the 40 under Forty Achievement Award by The Network Journal; the award recognizes young African-Americans who have proven to be exceptional performers in their industry and committed contributors to the development of their community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kimberly Lyons 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 Kimberly Lyons 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 Kimberly Lyons upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Young Alumna in Public Administration and Policy Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kimberly Lyons.