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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mark A. Patterson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and 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, Mark A. Patterson has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mark A. Patterson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and 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 and Policy honors individuals such as Mark A. Patterson, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Patterson is Partner in the Washington, DC office of Perkins Coie LLP, a law firm with more than 900 lawyers and 20 offices across the United States and around the world; he is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress; and

WHEREAS, Before joining Perkins Coie, Mark A. Patterson served from 2009 to 2013 as Chief of Staff of the Department of the Treasury; he is the longest serving Chief of Staff in Treasury history, and is a recipient of the Alexander Hamilton Award, the Department's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Patterson is a graduate of the State University of

New York at Albany and the Catholic University of America School of Law;  
and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service with the Treasury Department, Mark A. Patterson was a member of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team where he led the transition's work to secure Senate confirmation of the president-elect's cabinet; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he previously served for 15 years as a staff member in the United States Senate; from 1999 to 2004, he was the Policy Director for Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota; he began work in the Senate in 1984 as an intern in the office of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Board of Advisors of the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, Mark A. Patterson is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Paul Robert Carey Foundation, a charitable organization devoted to the improving quality of life for cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Patterson's commentary has been featured on CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, BBC World News and BBC Radio, National Public Radio, and has been published in THE WASHINGTON POST as well as POLITICO and other media outlets; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Jennifer, and their two beautiful daughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mark A. Patterson 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 Mark A. Patterson has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 Mark A. Patterson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark A. Patterson.