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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Elaine Giguere upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elaine Giguere upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion was celebrated at the Chamber's 23rd Annual Pride Awards Gala on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to bringing together the business and professional interests of Sullivan County, helping companies accomplish collectively what they cannot achieve on their own; the organization is focused on the growth and retention of its member businesses, serving as a point of contact and center of information, facilitation and exchange; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce recognizes certain individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community, to the goals of the Chamber, and to the quality of life in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Giguere 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, As Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), Elaine Giguere is dedicated to advancing the cultural life of the region through support and encouragement of artistic programs, public advocacy, and artistic business and government partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Since 1976, this esteemed woman has been a part of DVAA's evolution from a handful of people on the Tusten Bicentennial Committee, to an effective non-profit organization with its own building and a renovated movie theater; and

WHEREAS, DVAA features exhibits from hundreds of different artists and holds a number of festivals for the community each year, including the renowned Big Eddy Film Festival, which showcases the newest and best independent films from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Giguere's efforts are also vital in presenting the annual DVAA Riverfest, a celebration of music, art, and the environment, highlighting the work of local artists and the spirit of the Delaware River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Elaine Giguere 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 this esteemed woman has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elaine Giguere upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elaine Giguere.