

## 2013-J5041

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Josie Callari upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

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 pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Josie Callari upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 35th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala, to be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For more than thirty-five years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrate and honor women who have made significant contributions in their fields, are leaders, mentors, and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Since January of 2012, Josie Callari has served as Executive Vice President of Astoria Financial Corporation and its subsidiary Astoria Federal Savings and Loan Association, and Chief Support Services Officer of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Her many duties and responsibilities at Astoria Financial Corporation and the Association include human resources, general services, facilities, and security areas; and

WHEREAS, Josie Callari joined the Association in December 1975, and held various positions in the retail branch network until 1987; from December 1987 to 1989, she served as Assistant Vice President, Operations, and Product Development; she went on to serve as First Assistant Vice President, Retail Operations and Support from 1989 to 1993, and as Vice President, Retail Operations and Support from December 1993 to December 1997; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Josie Callari served as Senior Vice President and Director of Banking Operations of the Association until December 2011; and

WHEREAS, Josie Callari has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she serves on the corporate committees of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, the Education and Assistance Corporation, and the School for Language and Development; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Josie Callari; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Josie Callari upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long

Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josie Callari.