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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Corsairs Cup Award by the Newburgh Rowing Club

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, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega 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 commend Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Corsairs Cup Award by the Newburgh Rowing Club; she will be honored on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Third Annual Corsairs Cup Dinner, aboard the River Rose, in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Newburgh Rowing Club is a not-for-profit organization based at the Ward Brothers Memorial Park in the City of Newburgh that teaches the sport of rowing, emphasizing access and excellence; the Corsairs Cup Award is presented annually to a generous benefactor in appreciation of their dedication to supporting this worthy organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega is the owner of Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega and Associates of New Windsor, New York, which is the largest group private practice in Orange County, and serves children, adolescents, couples, families and adults; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega has spent over 30 years working within the mental health, academic and addictions arena; the author of numerous articles in her field, she has also trained and mentored countless professionals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega graduated with an MSW from Columbia University School of Social Work, and a DSW from Yeshiva University School of Social Work; she has attended post-graduate training at Harvard, NYU, and a variety of family/marital therapy trainings; this skilled healer has held positions of Caseworker, Clinic Supervisor, and Director of Clinical Training in large human service agencies; and WHEREAS, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega 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, Committed to giving back to the community, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega has been nicknamed the "Million Dollar Woman" for helping to raise significant funds for a variety of causes; in addition, she has served on the Council of Social Work Women's Commission in Washington, D.C., the boards of The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, and on Kidz4Causes.com; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega 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 Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Corsairs Cup Award by the Newburgh Rowing Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega.