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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Leona Baldwin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Lioness Club of Central Square, New York

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, Leona Baldwin 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 Leona Baldwin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Lioness Club of Central Square, New York, which was celebrated at the Club's annual Christmas Dinner in December 2013; and WHEREAS, The Lioness Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to playing an active role in the local community and helping those less fortunate, while enjoying social gatherings with like-minded individuals who come from all walks of life; it is a subsidiary of Lions Club International, one of the largest service organizations in the world; and WHEREAS, Leona Baldwin 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, A member of the Lioness Club of Central Square for 27 years, Leona Baldwin has displayed her strong commitment to the club's mission, serving in several elected positions which include president, vice president, treasurer and most recently as member of its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, this esteemed woman has supported the Lioness Club in countless ways; she has chaired such community service programs as the Clothing Fund, the Apple Festival Crafters, the Up With People Dinner and Business Fair; she has also been an active participant at such events as the senior dinner, Rally for the Troops, Easter egg hunt, garage sale, and Lioness forum; and

WHEREAS, An avid knitter, Leona Baldwin is part of a group who knit hats, mittens and scarves which are then wrapped and placed in the many Christmas baskets the Center Square Lions Club gives to disadvantaged families; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Leona Baldwin 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 Leona Baldwin has displayed throughout her life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Leona Baldwin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Lioness Club of Central Square, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leona Baldwin.