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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Barbara Davis upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Albany County Bar Association

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Barbara Davis upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Albany County Bar Association, to be celebrated with a Retirement Party in her honor on Thursday, June 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For the past 29 years, Barbara Davis rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Albany County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Since 1985, Barbara Davis has overseen the significant expansion of the membership and programs of the Albany County Bar Association and its services to the citizens of Albany County; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Executive Director, Barbara Davis served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, When Continuing Legal Education (CLE) was mandated in New York, Barbara Davis ensured that the Albany County Bar Association became one of the first Accredited Providers, and thereafter held programs of the highest standards for the education of Bar Association members; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Barbara Davis was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Barbara Davis, the Albany

County Bar Association Pro Bono programs have vastly expanded and improved, including advocacy for poor tenants, bankruptcy representation, and pro se divorce litigants; these programs have helped thousands without resources to retain their apartments, fend off creditors, and obtain divorces in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she has also been instrumental in the success of the Annual Run Against Domestic Violence, the Annual Court of Appeals Dinner, and Annual Senior Citizens Law Day to provide free legal advice to the elderly in Albany County, as well as a national award winning Diversity Internship Program to expand the experience of minority lawyers; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Albany County Bar Association, Barbara Davis earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues, and leaves the organization a far larger, stronger and better county bar association; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Barbara Davis over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Barbara Davis upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Albany County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Davis.