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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Shack upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Champions of Choice, April 30, 2014

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, Barbara Shack has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Shack upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Champions of Choice at its Awards Luncheon, held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 583 Park Avenue, New York City; Felicia Taylor, International Anchor and Correspondent will serve as this year's Emcee; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shack served as the Chairperson of NARAL Pro-Choice New York for a decade and has been an active member of the organization for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shack has made it her life's work to protect and defend the rights of all New Yorkers; she was the Associate Director and Legislative Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union and was a co-founder and chairperson of the New York State Coalition for Choice; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shack was a founder of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, served on its Board, and chaired its Political Action Committee; furthermore, she was a founding member of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, on which she served for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, She was appointed to several judicial screening committees including the New York State Judicial Nomination Committee on Open

Government, was a member of the Department Disciplinary Committee of the Appellate Division, First Department, of the New York State Supreme Court, and was a member of the New York State Commission on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shack represented the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York as its legislative counsel and chaired the Task Force on Bio-Ethics of the American Jewish Congress; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shack 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, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Barbara Shack 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 Barbara Shack has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Shack upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Champions of Choice; and be it further

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