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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Leonard Boccia upon the occasion of his designation as a 2015 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Alumnus of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Leonard Boccia upon the occasion of his designation as a 2015 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Alumnus of the Year, to be celebrated with an Induction Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, New York; and WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Leonard Boccia has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Boccia is a 1989 graduate of the New Paltz School of Business and a true role model for its students and alumni; in addition to a degree in Finance and Marketing, this esteemed man holds his Series 7 and 63 securities registrations, as well as variable insurance licenses for the State of New York; and WHEREAS, As a wealth management advisor for Wells Fargo, Leonard Boccia has established an outstanding record of success; he has been ranked by Barron's as a top advisor in the United States and is ranked in the top 100 advisors by Wells Fargo; and WHEREAS, Leonard Boccia began his illustrious career as a Financial Advisor for W.J. Nolan where he eventually became a partner of the company; prior to joining Wells Fargo Advisors in 2005, he was the Senior Vice-President of Investments for Advest, Inc.; and WHEREAS, With a steadfast commitment to give back to his alma mater, Leonard Boccia serves as the SUNY New Paltz Foundation Board Vice Chair where he truly advocates for the college and its students; and WHEREAS, In addition, he frequents the college, speaking to student groups, offering real world insight into course subject matter as well as providing advice and true mentorship to the next generation of business leaders; and WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, and their two beautiful children, Olivia and Evan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Leonard Boccia 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 Leonard Boccia has displayed throughout his life; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Leonard Boccia upon the occasion of his designation as a 2015 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Alumnus of the Year, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leonard Boccia.