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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Libby Post upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumna in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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, Libby Post 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 Libby Post upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumna in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its 2015 Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy honors individuals such as Libby Post, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, Libby Post earned both a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Political Science at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, For numerous years, Libby Post has been involved in politics in various capacities, such as a member of the Student Association of the State University, participating in a Fellowship with the Center for Women in Government, managing electoral campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Libby Post is best known for her role in founding the Empire State Pride Agenda as well as her unique political analysis on WAMC's

"The Roundtable"; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, Libby Post has owned and operated Communication Services, a company which specializes in political/advocacy consulting, strategic communication, branding and marketing; and

WHEREAS, The majority of Libby Post's advocacy work is with New York's public library; since 2005, her success rate of winning library budget and funding votes, redistricting efforts and building referendums is over 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman travels throughout the country training public libraries trustees in the art of advocacy and campaign planning; for her dedicated efforts, she has been named to the American Library Association's Committee on Library Advocacy, and has been nominated to serve on United for Libraries Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Libby Post is also passionate about animal welfare; currently, she holds the position of Executive Director of the New York State Protection Federation, which represents the state's humane societies, SPCAs, and municipal animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving spouse, Lynn Dunning-Vaughn, and one son, Alex Vaughn, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Libby Post upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumna in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Libby Post.