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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Penelope Andrews upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Inaugural Peter Pryor Pioneer Award by the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association

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, Penelope Andrews 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 Penelope Andrews upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Inaugural Peter Pryor Pioneer Award by the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the State Bar Center-Great Hall in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed educator is receiving this prestigious honor in recognition of her positive impact and leadership as the first woman of color to serve as Dean of Albany Law School, and in appreciation of her outstanding efforts to educate and inspire members of the community and the legal profession within the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Penelope Andrews earned her bachelor's degree and LL.B from the University of Natal in Durban, South Africa; she was admitted as an advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa, and earned her LL.M from Columbia University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Penelope Andrews commenced her law teaching career in Melbourne, Australia; she has been tenured at four law schools, and has served on important law school committees and in public interest legal organizations; and

WHEREAS, Penelope Andrews served as the Associate Dean for Academic

Affairs and Professor of Law at City University of New York School of Law, and was a Professor of Law and Director of International Studies at Valparaiso Law School, as well as the Chair of Public Law at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Penelope Andrews was appointed as Albany Law School's 17th President and the first female president and dean in school history; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President and Dean of Albany Law School, Penelope Andrews forged partnerships with educational and training institutions in the Capital Region, and expanded Albany Law School offerings in the fields of law, technology, finance, and health; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, President and Dean Penelope Andrews has pursued an approach which establishes Albany Law School as a notable institution in the Capital Region through coordinating programs and engagement with the business, government and educational community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she has raised alumni engagement and successfully led fundraising efforts with the establishment of several new scholarships, prizes and lecture funds; and

WHEREAS, Penelope Andrews has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has been a member and chair of several accreditation site teams for the American Bar Association's section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Penelope Andrews has consulted for the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and for the Ford Foundation in Johannesburg; she is currently working on a project that focuses on the challenges for law school graduates in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished author, Penelope Andrews has published four books and over 50 articles and chapters which have focused on such issues as comparative constitutional law, gender and racial equality, and international justice and the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Penelope Andrews is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars in the Capital Region and beyond on many vital subjects including the challenges facing female leaders, public interest and civil rights lawyering, racial and gender discrimination, and transitional justice; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Penelope Andrews upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Inaugural Peter Pryor Pioneer Award by the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Penelope Andrews.