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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Barbaruolo Law Firm, P.C. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Barry A. Gold Law Firm Leadership Award by the Legal Project on October 14, 2015

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary law firms and individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Barbaruolo Law Firm, P.C. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Barry A. Gold Law Firm Leadership Award by the Legal Project, celebrated at its Pro Bono Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Barry A. Gold Law Firm Leadership Award recognizes a law firm which has made an important difference during the past year through the generous pro bono work of its partners and associates; and

WHEREAS, Barbaruolo Law Firm has been a strong proponent of the Legal Project for numerous years; many of its dedicated attorneys volunteer with this vital organization to provide legal advice to low-income clients; and

WHEREAS, Paula Barbaruolo, the founder of the firm, approached both the Legal Project and the Bankruptcy Bar Association to help establish a Bankruptcy and Credit program for lower income households; and

WHEREAS, The Barbaruolo Law Firm sees many clients who are at risk of losing assets, and the volunteer attorneys will undertake the remainder of the proceeding to help protect the debtor's assets; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justin Myers has been instrumental in establishing

pro bono assistance for clients at the firm; he attends many bankruptcy clinics and is available in between dates for clients who may have an immediate need; and

WHEREAS, Through their invaluable pro bono service, the Barbaruolo Law Firm is helping to fill the gap of unmet legal needs in New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when law firms and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to its 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 the Barbaruolo Law Firm, P.C. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Barry A. Gold Law Firm Leadership Award by the Legal Project on October 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paula Barbaruolo, Owner, Barbaruolo Law Firm, P.C.