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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Weiner, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Legal Project on October 14, 2015

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary 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 Barbara Weiner, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Legal Project, celebrated at the Legal Project's Pro Bono Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Service Award is given to an individual who has gone above and beyond in their career to provide or support justice for all; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Barbara Weiner received her law degree from Golden Gate University College of Law, San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Barbara Weiner holds the position of Senior Staff Attorney with the Empire Justice Center; she has focused her legal career on representing low income people in a variety of forums on a multitude of issues; and

WHEREAS, During Barbara Weiner's illustrious career, she shifted her attention to immigration law and helping people on their immigration status and public benefit eligibility; she has become incredibly well versed on the topic and has written numerous articles on the subject, as well as provided training to legal service programs and community organ-

izations on the issue; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Weiner has been an asset to the Legal Project by helping it carry out a variety of initiatives which serve the legal needs of the immigrant community; with the support of a grant from the Office of New Americans, she is able to provide consultation and advice to the local immigration population twice a month at the Legal Project; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has provided tremendous leadership and guidance to the Legal Project's Immigration Program, helping make it the successful program that it is today; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when 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 Barbara Weiner, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service 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 Barbara Weiner, Esq.