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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Janet Silver upon the occasion of her designation as President of the Albany County Bar Foundation

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, Janet Silver 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 commend Janet Silver upon the occasion of her designation as President of the Albany County Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Ogdensburg, New York, Janet Silver attended the University of Vermont; she went on to earn her J.D. from Albany Law School, during which time she worked at Galvin and Morgan, as well as Rowley, Forrest, O'Donnell and Beaumont; and WHEREAS, Janet Silver, the immediate Past President of the Albany County Bar Association, is the youngest woman to lead the organization in its 115-year history; she is also a principal with Hinman Straub, where she has practiced for for the past 12 years, focusing on education, economic development, health, human services and research; and WHEREAS, President of the Albany County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Albany County Bar Association, Janet Silver has devoted much of her time and energies to the legal education aspect of the community; she is also a steadfast advocate for the furtherance of social justice and legal services for the indigent; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President of the Albany County Bar Foundation, Janet Silver has served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Albany County Bar Association, Janet Silver currently serves on its Appeals Screening Committee and oversees the Association's Pro Bono Programs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Janet Silver has held various positions such as Treasurer and Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Committee, and Chair of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education as well as the Committee on Public Policy; she is also a delegate to the New York State Bar Association and a member of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Janet Silver upon the occasion of her designation as President of the Albany County Bar Foundation; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janet Silver.