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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Shannon Cody upon the occasion of being named a Woman in Leadership by the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of New York State Women, Inc.

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, Shannon Cody 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 Shannon Cody upon the occasion of being named a Woman in Leadership by the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of New York State Women, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 16, Shannon Cody began working for Kenmore, New York, florist Michael Murray, and continued working there for several years; and

WHEREAS, An animal advocate, Shannon Cody earned her Bachelor's degree in both Veterinary Technology and Biology from Medaille College,

Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Once Shannon Cody learned of her boss' decision to retire, however, she decided to pursue her love of all things floral and reopened the shop as Michael's Floral Design in June of 2015; and WHEREAS, Since that time, Shannon Cody has created a welcoming floral shop right in the heart of the Village of Kenmore, providing corsages for proms and arrangements for high school graduations to bouquets for the recitals at a dance studio just down the street; and WHEREAS, In addition to fresh-cut flowers and floral arrangements, Shannon Cody supports local businesses, artisans and designers by carrying their unique Buffalo gifts; and

WHEREAS, Small Businesses such as Michael's Floral Design exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Shannon Cody upon the occasion of being named a Woman in Leadership by the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of New York State Women, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shannon Cody, Owner, Michael's Floral Design.