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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Women's Global Giving Circle upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. on September 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Women's Global Giving Circle upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. celebrated at its Second Annual Gala on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at the Desmond Americana, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award has been bestowed upon the Women's Global Giving Circle for its passion for making a difference in the lives of oppressed girls and women around the World through education and financial donations; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Women's Global Giving Circle was established by Barbara Glaser after she attended a presentation by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wedunn regarding a book they had written on oppression for women around the World; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Global Giving Circle held their first meeting in March of 2010, with 25 founding members, all from diverse backgrounds; it was instituted that each member commit to four meetings a year and to bring at least five dollars to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Global Giving Circle requests that each member of

the group make presentations at the meetings to teach others about a project or organization which they connect with, allowing other members to learn about the issue and have an opportunity to make a donation to that specific mission; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Global Giving Circle will initially accept the donations to the different nonprofits and then will review the selected nonprofits' legal and financial viability to ensure the funds are sent to good standing organizations; and

WHEREAS, Since 2010, the Women's Global Giving Circle has donated \$70,400 in grants to 33 different initiatives in over 16 countries; the generous members of this vital organization have become informed donors, learned about world issues and have become a part of a community who are thinking globally and acting locally; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 the Women's Global Giving Circle upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. on September 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Women's Global Giving Circle.