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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wendy Wollner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Westchester Business Council Hall of Fame Award on April 19, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wendy Wollner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Westchester Business Council Hall of Fame Award on Tuesday, April 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 20 years, Wendy Wollner has been the go-to resource for companies committed to supporting employees' work/life balance; after many successful years as a training consultant for a variety of work/life providers, and earning a Master's Degree in Industrial Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, Wendy launched Balancing Life's Issues, Inc. in 2001 to expand her scope and network of workforce support; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Wollner's engaging, authentic style has enticed companies such as IBM, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, and Donna Karan International to work with Balancing Life's Issues, Inc. (BLI) repeatedly for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, As Founder and President of the national training company, Wendy Wollner oversees a targeted network of trainers who bring a wide range of work/life balance programs to corporations, not-for-profit

organizations, employee assistance programs and educational institutions; popular topics include, emotional intelligence, managing stress with humor, and health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, Whether encouraging audience members to think differently or empowering them with new tools, BLI's programs prepare participants to cope with the stresses of today and face the challenges of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Leveraging decades of corporate knowledge and her own very personal experiences, Wendy Wollner has lectured widely as a keynote speaker for Fortune 500 companies, educational facilities and health care industries; she has also provided practical and concrete advice on work/life balance and parenting as both a speaker and guest on many radio and television programs; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Wollner's down-to-earth style has earned her respect and accolades from clients as a sincere, candid and entertaining speaker; she has been featured in numerous national publications, including THE NEW YORK POST, THE JOURNAL NEWS, ENTREPRENEUR'S START-UP, HR MAGAZINE, the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, and SHRM MAGAZINE, as well as CBS News Radio 880; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Wendy Wollner teaches executive leadership and communication classes for the American Management Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Wendy Wollner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Westchester Business Council Hall of Fame Award on April 19, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wendy Wollner.