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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Melina Carnicelli upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 6, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Melina Carnicelli upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012, by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular merit, Melina Carnicelli, West High School Class of 1966, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and her profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Melina Carnicelli was born and raised in Auburn, New York, and graduated from West High School; after graduating, she earned her degrees in Education and School District Administration from the State University of New York system, and began her distinguished career in education at Casey Park Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Melina Carnicelli followed her entrepreneurial dream and founded Treble Associates, a workplace consulting firm which specialized in leadership and organizational development; in addition, she and her business partner created Room Full of Sisters, an enterprising event of Treble Associates which convened annually for 20 years to celebrate women and girls; and

WHEREAS, Melina Carnicelli then began a career in politics when she was elected to the Auburn City Council; in 1999, she became the first and only woman throughout Auburn's history to be nominated and elected to the office of Mayor; during her tenure, she was well-known for her positive efforts on behalf of the city in which she lived and worked; and

WHEREAS, After she retired, Melina Carnicelli created a new enterprise, Metatron Travel; in this capacity, she organizes and leads intimate travel groups to sacred sites and energy vortexes around the world; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Melina Carnicelli was instrumental in creating TomatoFest of CNY, the Harriet Tubman Freedom Park, and Leadership Cayuga County; she was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn Memorial Hospital, the Jenna foundation for Non-Violence in Syracuse and the Auburn Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, this remarkable woman was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Community College by New York Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, For her incredible and selfless dedication to the well-being of her community, Melina Carnicelli has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Central New York NOW Chapter Unsung

Heroine Award, and the Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes Sharing the Light Award for her local social justice work; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Melina Carnicelli was named a Woman of Distinction by the New York State Senate and was also the first recipi-

ent of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award for founding the Mayor's Social Justice Task Force in Auburn; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working, Melina Carnicelli enjoys spending time with her precious grandchildren, traveling and exploring new destinations, preparing mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres, playing tennis and celebrating life with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 46 years, Matthew, her two children and her grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Melina Carnicelli upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 6, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melina Carnicelli.