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Senate Resolution No. 4109

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Cheryl Bowers upon the occasion of her designation as a 2018 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Business Person of the Year

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 Cheryl Bowers upon the occasion of her designation as a 2018 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Business Person of the Year, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Cheryl Bowers has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 2018, Cheryl Bowers became the first woman President and CEO of Rondout Savings Bank, which has served individuals and businesses in the Hudson Valley for 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her profession, Cheryl Bowers is a member of the New York Bankers Association, where she serves on both the Education and Women in Banking Conference Committees; she is also a regular speaker at the Annual Women's Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Bowers is an important and vital part of her community; she is a participant of numerous Boards of various regional organizations including the Ulster Community College Foundation, the Kingston Boys and Girls Club, the Lions Club of Kingston, and Vassar Brothers Medical Center; she also held the position of Chair of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her fellow man and woman, Cheryl Bowers was named Volunteer of the Decade by Gateway Community Industries and was recognized by the YWCA Tribute To Women; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Cheryl Bowers has displayed throughout her life; 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

commend Cheryl Bowers upon the occasion of her designation as a 2018 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Business Person of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cheryl Bowers.