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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION urging Governor David A. Paterson to recommend the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the Global Foundries facilities at the Luther Forest Technology Campus Project, located in the Town of Malta, County of Saratoga, State of New York

WHEREAS, The Luther Forest Technology Campus located in the Town of Malta, County of Saratoga, State of New York, is the site of the proposed Global Foundries silicon wafer manufacturing facility (to be known as Fab 2); and

WHEREAS, Once operational, this facility will be the only independent-ly-managed, advanced semiconductor manufacturing foundry in the United States, bucking the trend of manufacturing industries leaving the United States; and

WHEREAS, To complete this project, Global Foundries will receive nearly \$1.2 billion in state aid, \$600 million in state grants, along with \$28 million in tax incentives from the Saratoga County Industrial Development Agency (IDA); and

WHEREAS, The building of this facility is expected to generate more than 1,400 construction jobs over the eighteen-month period of construction, resulting in approximately five million man hours of work to be completed; and

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2009, President Barack Obama issued Executive Order 13502, which recommended the use of Project Labor Agreements in order to promote efficient administration and completion of projects; and

WHEREAS, There have been discussions among the parties regarding a Project Labor Agreement for this project, one of the largest upstate New York economic development projects in the history of the State; and

WHEREAS, Other economic development projects in this region of the State such as the IBM Clean Room Design Services Project in Fishkill (Dutchess County), the GAP Distribution Warehouse (Dutchess County), the Albany Courthouse Project (Albany County), the Rensselaer School Project (Rensselaer County), the South Glens Falls School (Saratoga County), Woodbury Commons (Orange County) and Harriman Commons (Orange County)

have contained Project Labor Agreements; and

WHEREAS, The use of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the Luther Forest Technology Park Project will facilitate its completion on time, on budget, as well as create labor harmony; and

WHEREAS, The substantial public dollars committed to this project of nearly \$1.2 billion represents a significant state interest in this project with the creation of local construction jobs to alleviate the increased unemployment rate in this region of New York State, along with the creation of 1,400 permanent direct jobs at the Saratoga County site and more than 5,000 indirect jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, The present economic crisis in the State of New York, with unemployment in the Capital Region - Saratoga County rising to over 7.6 percent and adjacent areas of Warren County having an unemployment rate of 10 percent, makes it unacceptable for out-of-state workers to be considered for employment on this project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to urge Governor David A. Paterson to recommend the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the Global Foundries facilities at the Luther Forest Technology Campus Project, located in the Town of Malta, County of Saratoga, State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York.