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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Janet DiFiore upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Westchester Region of Hadassah on March 13, 2010

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm belief and commitment who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Janet DiFiore upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Westchester Region of Hadassah at its Rollin' at the Ritz, 2010 Monte Carlo Gala, to be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, White Plains, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Janet DiFiore has dedicated her career to public service as both a former Judge and prosecutor in Westchester County; she served more than 10 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County, was elected as a Judge of the Westchester County Court in 1998, and as Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Janet DiFiore has presided over hundreds of cases in the County Court, the Family Court and the New York State Supreme Court, serving until May 2005, when she resigned to run for District Attorney of Westchester County, the position which she holds today; and

WHEREAS, District Attorney Janet DiFiore has held numerous positions designed to promote the fair administration of justice including service with Chief Judge Judith Kaye's Commission on the Future of Criminal Indigent Defense Services, the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council, and the Westchester Holocaust Commission's Juvenile Offender Program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Janet DiFiore has lectured in New York and abroad on domestic violence and the effects of domestic violence on children; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Westchester County, Janet DiFiore served on the Boards and in leadership positions with numerous professional, civic and local school organizations including the Westchester Women's Bar Association, the Westchester Children's Museum, the Pace University School of Law Board of Visitors and most recently as a member of the Board of The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center of Westchester; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Janet DiFiore has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dennis, and their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Janet DiFiore 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Janet DiFiore upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Westchester Region of Hadassah on March 13, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janet DiFiore.