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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ann Chambers Meagher upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2010 Dutchess County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ann Chambers Meagher upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2010 Dutchess County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council; and

WHEREAS, Ann Meagher was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce on March 15, 2005; since that time, she has brought the Chamber and the Chamber's relationship to the community back to life with excitement, value and extraordinary showmanship; and

WHEREAS, Ann Meagher has introduced innovation and imagination into all Chamber programming and has provided exceptional management, with a keen focus on the Chamber's growth and value to its members, in addition to its strength as an organization; and

WHEREAS, Under Ann Meagher's leadership, the Chamber now hosts a Top Forty Under 40 program that is the largest business event in the Hudson Valley Region; she also implemented new, innovative programming at the Chamber which strongly supports women business owners; and

WHEREAS, Before she began at the Chamber, Ann Meagher was head of Prudential Financial's External Affairs and Government Relations commu-

nications division; it was here where she worked on legislative and regulatory issues of critical importance to the financial services industry; prior to that, she led the Public Affairs Department of the New York State Assembly Minority Conference; and

WHEREAS, Ann Meagher currently sits on the boards of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess, SCORE Advisory and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB); she is also a member of the Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Miles of Hope Foundation Boards, and serves as a Trustee of The Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries; and

WHEREAS, A girl scout herself, Ann Meagher was honored in 2007 by the Dutchess County Girl Scouts Council with their annual "Seat of Honor" award; she was also recognized at the 2008 Top Forty Under 40 awards program for her leadership and commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, Ann Meagher is a proud product of the Wappingers Central School System, and a graduate of Ithaca College where her focus was on public communications and political science; both she and her husband, Ran, live in the Town of Washington with their five-year-old son, Jack; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Ann Meagher and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ann Chambers Meagher upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2010 Dutchess County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ann Chambers Meagher.