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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Francoise Dunefsky upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Dean's Award for Excellence and Hall of Fame Inductee by the SUNY New Paltz School of Business

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Francoise Dunefsky upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Dean's Award for Excellence and Hall of Fame Inductee by the SUNY New Paltz School of Business; and

WHEREAS, This special event will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club in Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, Francoise Dunefsky has been the President and CEO of Gateway Community Industries (GCI), Inc. since February 2004; GCI, Inc. provides services to individuals with mental, developmental, physical, and other disabilities in both Ulster and Dutchess counties; the organization accomplishes its mission through vocational, therapeutic, residential, and business services in a community setting; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to GCI, Inc., Francoise Dunefsky had a 30-year career in hospital-based healthcare ranging from staff nurse to Vice President overseeing acute care and mental health services; she has taught Administration and Leadership, and Healthcare Finance at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at SUNY New Paltz and Mount Saint Mary College; and

WHEREAS, Francoise Dunefsky studied Nursing at the Catholic University

in Leuven, Belgium (her native country), has an Associate Degree from SUNY Ulster, a BSN from the University of the State of New York, RED, and holds a Master's Degree with distinction from Pace University; in addition, she holds Nurse Executive Advanced Board Certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center; and

WHEREAS, Francoise Dunefsky has multiple professional publications and presentations to her credit including chapters on Quality Care in Nursing textbooks, and the 38th Commencement Address at SUNY Ulster in 2002; she is active in community organizations, including the UCFCU and the SUNY New Paltz School of Business Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Serving as Board Chair of the New York State Rehabilitation Association, Francoise Dunefsky is Treasurer of the New York State Industries for the Disabled, and is a Trustee for Vassar Brothers Medical Center; she was appointed Trustee for SUNY Ulster in August of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Francoise Dunefsky is a past president of the YWCA of Ulster County Board of Directors; she has served as an executive for the United Way of Ulster County, and as a member of both the Kingston Hospital Foundation and the Port Ewen Library Board; 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 recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Francoise Dunefsky upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Dean's Award for Excellence and Hall of Fame Inductee by the SUNY New Paltz School of Business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Francoise Dunefsky.