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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jeannie Bochett upon the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of distinguished service to Steelcase

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to the arts is unparalleled; it has become a world renowned center for artistic expression; it has fostered the growth and development of various art forms, including interior design; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding individuals, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental to the fields in which they work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jeannie Bochette upon the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of distinguished service to Steelcase; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Bochette began her career, after receiving an undergraduate degree from the University of Akron and a Master's Degree from Hunter College, as an educator at the St. Emetic School; she then moved on to a career in design, earning the position of Executive Director of the American Institute of Designers; and

WHEREAS, For the past 38 years, Jeannie Bochette has been a dedicated and loyal employee to Steelcase, and achieved the position of Marketing Manager for Business Development in New York City; she learned very early that New York City was the nexus of corporate America and strove to keep Steelcase current with the industry; and

WHEREAS, Under Jeannie Bochette's guidance, Steelcase became active in the community, embracing such charitable projects and organizations as Dining by Design, supporting the AIDS Momentum Project, raising funds for the Healthy Kids Event for the United Hospital Fund, and conceiving and implementing a program to raise funds for the Wreath, Menorah and Stocking Event which benefits the New Alternatives for Children; and WHEREAS, The American Society of Interior Designers, the International Interior Design Association, The Decorators Club, Inc., New York School of Interior Design, Edith Wharton Restoration, and the Interior Designers for Legislation in New York have all benefited from Jeannie Bochette's unique perspectives and her creative talent; and WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her devoted and loving husband, Louis R. Bochette, who has held positions in both the Legislative and Executive branches of New York State Government, who has served as a Staff Director in both the Assembly and the Senate of New York State, and who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 honor Jeannie Bochette upon the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of distinguished service to Steelcase; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeannie Bochette.