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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Stephanie Polowe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award by the Rochester Institute of Technology

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Polowe has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Stephanie Polowe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award by the Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious Four Presidents Award recognizes members of the faculty or staff of the university who have dedicated themselves to improving their community through public service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Polowe represented the 16th district of the Monroe County legislature for more than a decade, serving her constituents with great dedication and sincere commitment; she also worked for the people of Irondequoit through her service on its Town Board and School Board; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Stephanie Polowe was a candidate for the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Polowe has been deeply involved in her community outside of her service as an elected official, working with such organizations as the Citizens for the Preservation of St. Paul Boulevard, the ONWATCH neighborhood watch group, the Summerville Presbyterian Church and Rotary International, which holds special significance for her; and

WHEREAS, She has had a distinguished career in education, both in the Rochester City School District and at the Rochester Institute of Technology; currently, she serves as a Professor at the University in the Cultural and Creative Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polowe is a past national president of her professional organization, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Polowe has shown her deep passion for education and public service through her work on the BOCES I Board, as President of the Monroe County School Boards Association, and as a member of the New York State Commissioner of Education Richard Mills' Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Stephanie Polowe has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Stephanie Polowe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award by the Rochester Institute of Technology; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Stephanie Polowe.