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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carol Tomlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012-13 Zontian of the Year Award

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, Carol Tomlin has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carol Tomlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012-13 Zontian of the Year Award to be celebrated at a dinner on Wednesday, June 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Carol Tomlin has been selected to receive this auspicious award for her exemplary service not only in 2012-13, but in every year since she joined the Club in 1996; her service has grown over the years, and has significantly enhanced the operations of the Zonta community of Albany, New York, making her a role model for other Zontians; and

WHEREAS, The Zonta Club of Albany, a member of Zonta International, is an organization devoted to advancing the social, economic, political and professional status of women, and seeking to improve the health, education and welfare of children, both in the Capital District and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Carol Tomlin grew up in Rome, New York, and graduated from the Rome Free Academy in 1967; she received an Associate's degree in Business Administration from SUNY Canton in 1969, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from SUNY Buffalo in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she subsequently undertook graduate work in Business at Utica College of Syracuse University, and has taught various

business courses in several institutions throughout New York State; she then met and married Lonnie Tomlin; and

WHEREAS, Known as the heart of the Zonta Club of Albany, Carol Tomlin has worked for many years with fellow Committee members to organize and lead the Club's memorial service for Zontians and their families; during the holidays and in the Spring, she decorates the Albany Memorial Hospital Chapel with beautiful flowers; and

WHEREAS, Carol Tomlin has supported Father Peter Young's homeless program at the Schuyler Inn for many years; she has organized craft activities for the children of families living at the Inn, and offers gentle and positive encouragement to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Carol Tomlin has helped deliver clothing and furniture to the Capital City Rescue Mission, as well as to women of The Next Step, a program that empowers women with alcohol and drug addictions to begin and sustain a life-long process of recovery through residential treatment and supportive living services; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Summer and Fall, Carol Tomlin hosts "sew what" gatherings to prepare items to be sold for fundraising at the Academy of Holy Names and the Empire State Plaza Holiday Craft Fairs; she graciously provides wonderful lunches and opportunities for great fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Carol Tomlin designs the decorations, and generously creates quilts and runners for Zonta fundraising events and dinners; in addition, she assumes the responsibilities of the Club Fellowship Committee, sending get-well cards, flowers, sympathy cards and donations to fellow Zontians on behalf of the Club; and

WHEREAS, Since her recent retirement, Carol Tomlin has worked as a substitute teacher in Bethlehem Central School District, and volunteers

at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, New York; she applies her time and countless talents to Zonta fundraising, service and fellowship projects, all with grace and a great generosity of spirit and time; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carol Tomlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012-13 Zontian of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carol Tomlin.