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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colleen West upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colleen West upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 35th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrate and honor women who have made significant contributions in their fields, are leaders, mentors, and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Colleen West of Bayport, New York, is the Founder and President of Enright Court Reporting, Inc.; she began her career as a court reporter in 1989, and established Enright Court Reporting, Inc. in 1991; through her vision and commitment, the agency has grown to a staff of

more than 30, and is recognized as one of the most reliable, accurate, and professional agencies serving Long Island and the New York Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Colleen West purchased a franchise for transcription services, and under her leadership, the franchise transitioned to an alliance program which now consists of 50 independently-owned transcription companies throughout the nation; she is the sole owner of Enright Sten-Tel Transcription Services, Inc., a Web-based company providing transcription services to a broad range of professions including hospitals, large medical practices, and law firms, and is ranked among the top three out of the 50 Sten-Tel transcription companies nationwide; and

WHEREAS, A recognized business leader, Colleen West sits on several advisory boards, including the Long Island Business Institute and both the Sayville and Patchogue Chambers of Commerce; in January 2009, she began a two-year term as the Chair of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Colleen West is on the Board of Directors for the Bob Venero Children's Foundation, volunteers her time to the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook University, and Splashes of Hope, is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners by whom she has been honored, a member of the National Association of Female Executives, and numerous other professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Colleen West is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including being named one of Long Island's 50 Most Influential Women by Long Island Business News in 2008 and was the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk (VIBS) 2006 honoree; she also has been featured

on Cablevision's "Women of the New Century," and was inducted into the 2008 Energeia Partnership, The Academy for Regional Stewardship at Molloy College; and

WHEREAS, This committed and determined woman is a graduate of the Long Island Business Institute and the Dale Carnegie Institute; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Steve, and their two daughters, Shannon and Erin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colleen West upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colleen West.