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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephanie Wacholder upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 14 years of distinguished service to the State University of New York at Albany School of Social Welfare

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephanie Wacholder upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 14 years of distinguished service to the State University of New York at Albany School of Social Welfare which was celebrated at the School's 8th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Wacholder received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Master of Science degree from Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, For more than 14 years, Stephanie Wacholder rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the State University of New York at Albany School of Social Welfare; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Stephanie Wacholder was the Director of Special Projects and Strategic Partnerships for the University at Albany School of Social Welfare where she was responsible for developing, funding, implementing, and sustaining innovative initiatives and collaborations; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Wacholder has been strategic in her capacity-build-

ing and partnership work; she has also been instrumental in helping faculty, alumni, and doctoral students who seek her counsel on their entrepreneurial ideas; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has demonstrated her ingenious and savvy skills to build public-private partnerships to advance new educational and research initiatives; in addition, she is the consummate advocate for the School of Social Welfare, the University at Albany, and the individuals the School serves; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the School of Social Welfare, Stephanie Wacholder was the Director of State Public Programs and Government Affairs, managing a staff of over 100 individuals for a large health management organization; and

WHEREAS, One of the highlights of Stephanie Wacholder's career was serving as Chief of Staff for New York State Assemblyman William B. Hoyt, responsible for the oversight and management of legislative staff and drafting, negotiating and effecting major budget as well as legislative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Wacholder officially retired at the end of 2014 after more than 14 years of service to the School of Social Welfare; in honor of her retirement, the school announced the establishment of its Stephanie Wacholder Endowed Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity at the State University of New York at Albany School of Social Welfare, Stephanie Wacholder served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Stephanie Wacholder was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stephanie Wacholder upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 14 years of distinguished service to the State University of New

York at Albany School of Social Welfare; and be it further

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