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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathryn Zox upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Straight But Not Narrow Award by the Pride Center of the Capital Region

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, Kathryn Zox 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathryn Zox upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Straight But Not Narrow Award by the Pride Center of the Capital Region which was celebrated at its Annual Gala on Friday, October 24, 2014, at Hilton Albany in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center of the Capital Region is dedicated to serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in the Capital Region; since 1970, the Center has been meeting the diverse needs of LGBT individuals; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Zox has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of The New School of Radio and Television, Kathryn Zox earned a master's degree in Social Work from the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY Albany); she is the creator of SUNY Albany's "The Social Workers" radio talk show, which she has produced and hosted for the last four years; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Zox has interviewed several world-renowned guests

including NEW YORK TIMES best-selling authors, experts, and celebrities concerning relevant issues such as healthcare, LGBT and women's issues, diversity, bullying, and aging; her personal and topic driven shows have been ranked the No. 1 listened to radio show on the VoiceAmerica Women's Network; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Kathryn Zox has volunteered her time and energies to numerous charitable causes including the Human Rights Campaign, Pride Center of the Capital Region, Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, Ronald McDonald House, Planned Parenthood, and the New York State School Music Association, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Zox has trained doctors and medical students at Albany Medical College's Clinical Competency Program on effective doctor patient communication; she also served as lead trainer for the Center for Organ Donation and Transplant, New York State Police, Albany Law School, New York State Department of Education, and numerous Fortune 500 companies; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this remarkable woman is a proud member of the Community Advisory Board for WMHT Public Television, past vice president of the Board of Trustees at SUNY Hillel, and serves on the Women's Philanthropy Board of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kathryn Zox has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kathryn Zox has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathryn Zox upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Straight But Not Narrow Award by the Pride Center of the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathryn Zox.