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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Etta Schneider upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Business Person of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Etta Schneider upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Business Person of the Year, to be celebrated with an Induction Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Mary Etta Schneider has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished graduate of the SUNY system and a successful leader in the banking industry for decades, Mary Etta Schneider is President and Board Chair of Historic Huguenot Street, an organization with a mission to engage, educate, and challenge a diverse audience by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the buildings, objects, documents, and stories of the Huguenots' multicultural journey in America; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Mary Etta Schneider, the partnership between SUNY New Paltz and Huguenot Street has grown tremendously, with interns participating each semester from a wide range of

departments, including history, political science, international relations, theater, communications and marketing, media production, and archaeology; and

WHEREAS, Mary Etta Schneider has a long history of success in the world of finance and banking; she began her illustrious career with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, representing the Federal Reserve System at the Center for Latin American Monetary Studies in Mexico; and WHEREAS, As her career progressed, Mary Etta Schneider worked at the executive level of BankBoston, FleetBoston Financial and Bank of America; in her last banking role, she was head of Bank of America's global corporate banking division; and

WHEREAS, Today, Mary Etta Schneider is an advisor and fundraiser for major nonprofit organizations benefiting education, history, the arts and other charitable causes; and

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

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has won International and Dow Jones-sponsored awards in economics while graduating cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics from the State University of New York at Oswego; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Etta Schneider upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame inductee as Business

Person of the Year, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Etta Schneider.