

## 2015-J1447

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Suzanne Orofino Galbato upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 15, 2015

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 commend Suzanne Orofino Galbato upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012, by the Auburn Education Foundation, to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular merit, Suzanne Orofino Galbato, Auburn High Class of 1991, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and her profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian Suzanne Orofino Galbato graduated from Auburn High School in 1991; she then earned her undergraduate degree in History and Science magna cum laude from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1995; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Suzanne Orofino Galbato graduated summa cum laude

from the Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York; and  
WHEREAS, After graduating, Suzanne Orofino Galbato was employed as a  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Rosemary S. Pooler of the United States Court  
of Appeals for the Second Circuit for two years; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Suzanne Orofino Galbato began practicing law at  
Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC in Syracuse; her legal work encompasses a  
wide array of litigation for a variety of clients in New York state  
courts and in federal courts across the country, including multi-dis-  
trict litigation and class action lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Orofino Galbato represents clients in matters  
concerning the federal civil fraud statute known as the False Claims  
Act; she also counsels and defends school districts in special education  
matters; and

WHEREAS, At her current law practice, Suzanne Orofino Galbato serves  
as both the Chair of the Recruiting Committee and the Women's Initi-  
ative; she is a former member of the firm's Diversity Committee, as well  
as the Professional and Business Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Since 2014, Suzanne Orofino Galbato has held the title of  
Chair of the Board of Directors of Hiscock Legal Aid Society, a non-pro-  
fit agency which provides legal services to indigent clients in Central  
New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Suzanne Orofino Galbato is a vital member of  
several law organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Syra-  
cuse University Law Alumni Association, the Central New York Women's Bar  
Association, the Onondaga County Bar Foundation, and the NYSBA Committee  
on Women in the Law; and

WHEREAS, In addition to helping in her children's school classrooms,  
Suzanne Orofino Galbato regularly volunteers at Syracuse Law School,

coaching student advocates preparing for competitions, and speaking on  
issues relating to private practice, interviewing skills, work life  
balance and diversity; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Riccardo T. Galbato, and her two children, Nicholas and Michael, 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 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 commend Suzanne Orofino Galbato upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 15, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Suzanne Orofino Galbato.