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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing President Irene V. Villacci, JD, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded individuals who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend outgoing President Irene V. Villacci, JD, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Irene V. Villacci graduated from Molloy College, Rockville Centre, New York; three years later, she received her Juris Doctor degree from Hofstra University of Law, Hempstead, New York, and was admitted as an Attorney in New York State in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, Irene V. Villacci's practice has concentrated in the areas of elder law, estate planning, probate and estates administration, wills, trusts and estates, Medicaid applications, guardianships, health care proxies, living wills and powers of attorney; and

WHEREAS, A member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys since 1994, Irene V. Villacci was Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Irene V. Villacci was the Senior Associate Attorney at Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, PC, for 15 years, in their Elder Law, Trusts and Estates Department; in addition, she is certified to be a court-appointed Court Evaluator, Guardian ad Litem, Counsel to Guardians, and Referee in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Irene V. Villacci was admitted to the United States Supreme Court, and seven years later, she was named one of New York's Super Lawyers, with her recognition noted in SUPER LAWYERS magazine and THE NEW YORK TIMES; and

WHEREAS, The law office of Irene V. Villacci, Attorney-at-Law, PLLC, was established in February of 2007, in Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, A proponent for pro bono services and public interest law, Irene V. Villacci is a past Chairperson of the Nassau-Suffolk Law Services Advisory Council, and has been a member of the Advisory Council since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Irene V. Villacci serves as a member of several associations including the Lawyers' Committee of the Long Island Alzheimer's Association; the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law Section, Trusts and Estates Section, Real Property Section, and General Practice Section; as well as the Elder Law Committee and Surrogate's Court Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has held numerous leadership positions such as Secretary to the Executive Committee of the General Practice Section of the New York State Bar Association, and Village Trustee of the Incorporated Village of East Rockaway; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure as Village Trustee, Irene V. Villacci served as Liaison to several active committees and Boards, including the Library Board, the Labor Negotiations Committee, and the Ethics Board, and was a member of the Village Foundation of East Rockaway; and

WHEREAS, Today, Irene V. Villacci continues to be active in her community, serving as an Officer of the East Rockaway Education Foundation,

and a member of the East Rockaway Kiwanis; she also volunteers in many activities at her church; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming President-Elect of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY), Irene V. Villacci held the

title of Vice President for two years and Corresponding Secretary; she is a Past-President of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association and was selected as a Delegate for her chapter to WBASNY; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Irene V. Villacci is a founding co-Chairperson of the Pro Bono Clinic established by the Nassau County Women's Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Irene V. Villacci has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her work with the community and the Bar Association, including the Virginia C. Duncombe Award from the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, and was recognized by the Nassau County Legislature as a Woman of Distinction/Trailblazer of the New Millennium; most recently, she was bestowed the honor of Distinguished Alumna by the Board of Trustees of her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend outgoing President Irene V. Villacci, JD, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Irene V. Villacci.