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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Smith upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Career Award by The Women's Business Council of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Smith upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Career Award by The Women's Business Council of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 24th Annual Women of Excellence Luncheon on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at the Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Smith has exhibited the true spirit of this auspicious award through her impressive professional success and her tireless dedication to both her community and her family; this remarkable woman is helping to shape the future of the residents of the Capital Region and throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award acknowledges women in seven categories: distinguished career, excellence in management (100+ staff and volunteers), excellence in management (1-99 staff members), excellence in business, excellence in their profession, excellence in sales or marketing, and emerging professional; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Barbara Smith was appointed to the position of Special Community Projects Coordinator for Albany, New York, in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Author, scholar, activist, and a pioneer of black feminism, Barbara Smith was nominated for the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Barbara Smith 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Smith upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Career Award by The Women's Business Council of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Smith.