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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Willie Marlowe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award by the Albany Center Gallery

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those individuals who serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Willie Marlowe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award by the Albany Center Gallery which was celebrated at its annual Winter Gala on Saturday, November 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the board of directors of the Albany Center Gallery to an individual who has distinguished herself by zealously and generously promoting the mission and interests of the gallery, Capital Region artists and arts communities served by the gallery; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award symbolizes the inspired and courageous efforts of Albany Center Gallery founder Leslie Urbach to establish a center for regional artists to display and market their work, as well as to educate the larger community about the vast talents and diverse possibilities inherent in regional art and artists; and

WHEREAS, Willie Marlowe has shown paintings in solo and invitational exhibitions across the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman's work is included in museum, university, corporate and private collections, and has been supported by grants from Artist's Space, NYC, and by numerous Strategic Opportunity Stipend Awards from the New York Foundation on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Willie Marlowe has been a visiting artist in Barbados, West Indies, Cortona, Italy, and in Wexford, Ireland, where she had a ten year retrospective exhibition at the Wexford Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Willie Marlowe has also had artist's residencies at such places as the Millay Colony for the Arts in Austerlitz, New York, the Emily Harvey Foundation for the Arts, Venice, Italy and at Milkwood International Residencies, Czech Republic; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Willie Marlowe was a member of the Albany-Tula Alliance Delegation to Russia, and was invited by the Tula State Lev Tolstoy Pedagogical University to give a presentation on her paintings done during residencies in Ireland and Italy; and

WHEREAS, Willie Marlowe has taught painting and drawing in the Department of Visual Arts at the Sage College of Albany, and has taught water-color in two of the Sage Colleges' International Studies programs, "Sage at Oxford", Somerville College, Oxford University, and "Celtic Connections" in Scotland and Ireland; she is now Professor Emerita at the Sage Colleges; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the vitality of our artistic communities and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Willie Marlowe upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award by the Albany Center Gallery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Willie Marlowe.