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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lorraine Power Tharp posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain individuals that it wishes to recognize for having given of their time and energies to serve the best interests of their communities and to publicly acknowledge their service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lorraine Power Tharp posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, at its Justice for All Campaign Reception, on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at the Fort Orange Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York is one of the oldest legal services organizations in the United States; it provides effective, free civil legal services and education to people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system in its 16-county service area; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Capital Region law firms founded The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York's Justice for All Campaign; throughout the past decade, the Society raised significant funds to provide legal support to low-income families and individuals with urgent non-criminal legal problems; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine Power Tharp graduated from Smith College and earned her Law degree from Cornell Law School; she was a vital partner of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine Power Tharp was President of the New York State Bar Association from 2002-2003, and a Founding Member of the Legal Aid Soci-

ety of Northeastern New York's Justice for All Campaign; 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 Lorraine Power Tharp posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorraine Power Tharp.