

## 2015-J2729

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rosalyn Magidson upon the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the Dispute Resolution Center on June 30, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature 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 Rosalyn Magidson upon the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the Dispute Resolution Center, to be celebrated at a party held in her honor on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Serving Orange, Putnam, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is dedicated to promoting the peaceful resolution of conflict by providing conflict resolution services, education, training, and consultation; while the agency is a leading resource for the effective and constructive prevention, management and resolution of conflict in the Mid-Hudson Valley and lower Catskill area, DRC has also distinguished itself for its contribution to the work of the broader Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) community; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1981, DRC provides a wide range of services and programs, including mediation, conciliation, group facilitation and arbitration; these processes are applicable to a broad range of family, youth, school, housing, and business conflicts; additionally, DRC is also a leading resource for training and workshops designed to both educate the public and to develop and maintain its volunteer panel; and

WHEREAS, Rosalyn "Roz" Magidson earned her bachelor's degrees in both Communication and Education from the University of Michigan Schools of

Journalism and Education; she furthered her education by obtaining her master's degree in Public Administration from Marist College in 2001; and

WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, Roz Magidson rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Dispute Resolution Center; and WHEREAS, Prior to her employment at the Dispute Resolution Center, Roz Magidson held the position of Executive Director of the Orange County American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Roz Magidson began her career with the Dispute Resolution Center in 1990, holding the esteemed position of Executive Director; in this capacity, her leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm have made lasting contributions to the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); and

WHEREAS, Roz Magidson also holds the title of Lead Trainer, approved by the New York State Unified Court System's Community Dispute Resolution Centers Program; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Roz Magidson served as both past President and Board member of New York State Dispute Resolution Association, Inc. (NYSDRA); she was also a member of several vital organizations, including the New York State Council on Divorce Mediation, the Association of Conflict Resolution, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, and the National Association for Community Mediation; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Roz Magidson was honored by NYSDRA as the recipient of The Lawrence Cooke Peace Innovate Award, given to an individual or organization which provides innovative leadership in ADR; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Roz Magidson was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dr. Donald Magidson, and their children, as well as their grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Dispute Resolution Center, Roz Magidson earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rosalyn Magidson upon the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rosalyn Magidson.