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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Benita Zahn upon the occasion of being named 2015 Resourceful Woman of the Year by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Benita Zahn upon the occasion of being named 2015 Resourceful Woman of the Year by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. to be celebrated at its Women's Luncheon Awards on September 30th, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1855, the YWCA was created with the intention of being a safe place for women to improve their lives; over the years, it has assisted countless female members of the community in reaching their goals and maintaining self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Today, the YWCA has 25 million members in 122 countries working every day to fulfill the organization's mission of "eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all"; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region has held its Women's Luncheon Awards to honor those whose community and professional pursuits advance the empowerment of women, as well as individuals who represent the spirit of determination that defines the women of the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, Benita Zahn is being recognized for her many accomplishments

in making a difference in her community, as well as for her kindness, support, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has gone above and beyond in her professional career by co-producing and hosting 'Health Link' on WMHT, writing a 'Live Smart' column for the TIMES UNION, and reporting on numerous current events on air which have earned her seven Emmy nominations; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others, Benita Zahn sees the value of engrossing herself in the local community; she is an emcee at a multitude of nonprofit events and serves on the boards of various organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Benita Zahn has epitomized the meaning of being a resourceful and accomplished woman in her professional and personal life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is 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 Benita Zahn upon the occasion of being named 2015 Resourceful Woman of the Year by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benita Zahn.