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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joanne Macri, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Paul J. Curran Award by Prisoners Legal Services

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 Joanne Macri, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Paul J. Curran Award by Prisoners Legal Services; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its 5th Annual Pro Bono Event on Monday, October 5, 2015, at the Capital Repertory Theater, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Paul J. Curran Award is given to a Prisoners' Legal Services volunteer who embodies a commitment to defending the rights of incarcerated New Yorkers by providing pro bono services; Joanne Macri was chosen for this esteemed honor in recognition of her impressive career working in indigent and legal services; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Macri has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, After graduating with honors from the University of Ottawa, Joanne Macri went on to earn her Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School; and

WHEREAS, Widely respected in the legal community, Joanne Macri is the

Director of Regional Initiatives for the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, where she has been instrumental in the implementation of a network of statewide regional immigration; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joanne Macri serves as an adjunct professor at Sage College, and has been a professor at SUNY Buffalo Law School; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Joanne Macri has been honored by the New York State Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and the Committee to Ensure Mandated Quality Representation, as well as the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joanne Macri has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joanne Macri 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 Joanne Macri, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Paul J. Curran Award by Prisoners Legal Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joanne Macri, Esq.