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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sophie Blackall upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Caldecott Medal

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, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sophie Blackall upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Caldecott Medal; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious Caldecott Medal was named in tribute of 19th-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott; each year, the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, recognizes the artist of the most renowned American picture book for children; and

WHEREAS, Talented Illustrator and resident of Park Slope, Brooklyn, Sophie Blackall won this auspicious award for FINDING WINNIE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BEAR; and

WHEREAS, This charming and beautifully illustrated book was written by Lindsay Mattick and published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, FINDING WINNIE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BEAR is a delightful account of the bond and love shared between a soldier and the real bear who inspired Winnie-the-Pooh, the beloved character created by A. A. Milne; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Blackall exquisitely interprets this layered family story through her distinctive Chinese ink and watercolor art, capturing

intimate and historical details perfect for a child's eye; and

WHEREAS, The mother of two wonderful children, Sophie Blackall has illustrated over 30 children's books out of a studio in Gowanus, New York, which she shares with four other children's book makers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Sophie Blackall upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Caldecott Medal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sophie Blackall.