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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Josephine Victoria Finn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Victoria Finn has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Josephine Victoria Finn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Monticello High School, Josephine Victoria Finn earned her bachelor's degrees in both Psychology and Black Studies; she furthered her education by obtaining her Juris Doctorate from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo Law School; and

WHEREAS, A Village Justice of Monticello, New York, Josephine Victoria Finn also holds the position of Chief Executive Officer for the DREAM Tank, a local youth program to keep young people out of the criminal justice system through enrichment activities; self-actualization which includes learning life skills, and etiquette; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Victoria Finn began her judicial career in the early 1990s, serving as Acting Judge for the Village of Monticello; in 2002, she was elected to this esteemed post, where she prides herself on being a fair and impartial Judge; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role as a Justice, Josephine Victoria Finn has held the positions of Assistant County Attorney for Sullivan County,

and Assistant Town Attorney and Town Attorney for the Town of Thompson; for over 18 years, she served as legal counsel to the Sullivan County Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, For over a decade, Josephine Victoria Finn taught at Sullivan County Community College and ran the Paralegal Program for several years; she also teaches cultural diversity and sexual harassment training, and is a member of the New York State Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which she lives and works, Josephine Victoria Finn has been a member of the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees, the Private Industry Council of Sullivan County, the Cultural Diversity Committee of the New York State School Boards Association and served as President of the Sullivan County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Today, Josephine Victoria Finn participates on the Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee, the New York State Magistrates Association, and the Sullivan County Magistrates Association; and

WHEREAS, When she is not on the bench, Josephine Victoria Finn enjoys playing the bass, saxophone and piano, as well as travelling to warm tropical locales; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, Marshita Washington, and her mother and sister, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Josephine Victoria Finn has displayed throughout her life; 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 commend Josephine Victoria Finn upon the occasion of her designation for

special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josephine Victoria Finn.