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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Abigail Hawk upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Abigail Hawk upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Auction on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The mission of HeartShare Human Services of New York is to nurture and support, with dignity and respect, children, adults, and families in order to expand opportunities and enhance lives; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hawk is receiving this auspicious award for her devotion to her profession and sincere dedication and substantial role as a community leader; she has continuously cast a positive impact on her community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all her professional and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Stage and screen actress Abigail Hawk has been performing theatrically since the age of six, when she portrayed Gretl in a community theater production of "The Sound of Music"; six years later, she landed her first television role, starring opposite Ryan Seacrest on the children's show "Reality Check"; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hawk earned her Bachelor's degree in theatre performance magna cum laude from The University of Maryland-College Park; after

honing her craft at the university, she moved to New York City, where she began cultivating an eclectic resume peppered with dynamic female characters; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Abigail Hawk teamed up with director/choreographer Rachel Klein, and became a founding member of the Rachel Klein Theater Ensemble, where she originated such critically-acclaimed roles as Maria in "The Tragedy of Maria Macabre" and Eunice the telephonic mannequin in "Sir Sheever"; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hawk's performance in Rachel Klein's "Hound" was nominated for Best Supporting Actress at the 2009's Planet Connections Theater Festival; in 2011, she portrayed headstrong Abby Prescott in Neil LaBute's "The Mercy Seat"; and

WHEREAS, This talented actress also performed in such regional theater as New Brunswick Theater Festival's, "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse's, "Don't Dress for Dinner"; Bristol Valley Theater's, "Wait Until Dark"; and Camden Civic Theatre's, "A Chorus Line"; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Abigail Hawk has guest-starred on numerous television shows including "Body of Proof," "Law and Order: SVU," "The Jim Gaffigan Show," "The Beautiful Life" and "Are We There Yet?"; currently, she co-stars as Detective Abigail Baker on CBS' "Blue Bloods," appearing in 110 episodes; and

WHEREAS, In between shooting episodes of "Blue Bloods," Abigail Hawk enjoys working in films; this past summer, she was directed by Domenica Cameron-Scorsese in "Captain of the Land of Make Believe," as the acerbic romantic lead, Ellie Anderson; she also starred in the creative independent feature "Bubble Girl" as the mother of a bright young girl diagnosed with a brain tumor; and

WHEREAS, Today, Abigail Hawk is working on the feel-good holiday feature film, "The Apprentice," directed by Fred Olen Ray, which is being filmed in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of many interests, Abigail Hawk loves distance-running, hiking, camping, caving and kayaking; an accomplished singer/songwriter, she has sung and played piano at The Bitter End and CBGB's; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her Long Island community, Abigail Hawk enjoys volunteering her time and energy to HeartShare, as well as with Habitat for Humanity, with which she and her "Blue Bloods" family participated in a blitz build; she is a Board member of The Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, and her son, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, It the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Abigail Hawk upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Abigail Hawk.