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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Beth Labate upon the occasion of her designation as Distinguished Alumna in Public Administration and Policy by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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 Mary Beth Labate upon the occasion of her designation as Distinguished Alumna in Public Administration and Policy by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its Annual Alumni Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2016, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Labate serves as Senior Advisor for Fiscal Policy to the SUNY Chancellor, prior to which she served as Director of the New York State Division of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, In her current capacity, Mary Beth Labate provides advice and consultation to the Chancellor on fiscal opportunities and challenges across the SUNY system, with the goal of meeting the Chancellor's completion and access agendas; and

WHEREAS, As Director of the budget and previously as the division's first Deputy Director, Mary Beth Labate was responsible for the overall development and management of the State's fiscal plan, including overseeing the preparation of budget recommendations for all state agencies

and programs, economic and revenue forecasting, tax policy, fiscal planning, capital financing, and management of the state's debt portfolio; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mary Beth Labate was responsible for overseeing budget negotiations which led to five on time budgets; and

WHEREAS, With more than 25 years of fiscal and public policy experience, Mary Beth Labate has also held leadership positions at the New York State Office of Parks & Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Labate holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's of Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; she began her illustrious career in public service as a public management fellow; 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 Mary Beth Labate upon the occasion of her designation as Distinguished Alumna in Public Administration and Policy by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Beth Labate.