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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Annual Women of Excellence Luncheon and honoring this year's honorees on June 3, 2016

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Annual Women of Excellence Luncheon and honoring this year's honorees on Friday, June 3, 2016, at the Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, For many years, the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce has helped build a strong community by connecting its members to people, business and issues important to business success; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region Chamber of Commerce represents 2,800 businesses and organizations from throughout Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties and beyond, which employ more than 150,000 area residents; and

WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award acknowledges outstanding women in seven categories; this year's honorees include, Distinguished Career recipient, Mary Jane Smith, Unity House of Troy; Excellence in the Professions recipient, The Honorable Helena Heath, Albany City Court; Excellence in Management (100+ staff members) recipient, Fran O'Rourke, Key Private Bank; Excellence in Management (1-99 staff members) recipient, Chelly Hegan, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood; Excellence in Busi-

ness recipient, Dawn Abbuhl, Repeat Business Systems; Excellence in Business Development recipient, Denise Horan, Integrated Management & Sales Consulting; and Emerging Professional recipient, Meredith Oakes, The Bank of New York Mellon; and

WHEREAS, These seven remarkable women have exhibited the true spirit of these auspicious awards through their impressive professional success and their tireless dedication to both their community and their family; these remarkable women are helping to shape the future of the residents of the Capital Region and throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which these seven women have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 commend the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Annual Women of Excellence Luncheon and honoring this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce and the aforementioned honorees.