

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Zelle Andrews upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as recipient of the Myron Isaacs Community Service Award by the New York Civil Liberties Union

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose 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 congratulate Dr. Zelle Andrews upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as recipient of the Myron Isaacs Community Service Award by the New York Civil Liberties Union; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, May 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zelle Andrews has spent a lifetime as an advocate, activist, pioneer and leader in the struggle for women's rights, for the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, and for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Focusing on women's rights issues, Dr. Zelle Andrews has held prominent positions in the National Organization of Women (NOW); she served as Secretary and then President of the Westchester New York Chapter, delegate to and then President of New York State NOW, and as a member of the NOW National Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Zelle Andrews was named 1998 Westchester Woman of the Year, and in 2000 she was recognized by the NYCLU for her leadership in helping to create the Westchester County Human Rights Commission; she was a founder of the Westchester Women's Agenda, and a sponsor of the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zelle Andrews was also appointed as the Westchester County Liaison to the lesbian and gay community, and was President of both the LOFT: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc., and Rainbow Alliance of Westchester; and

WHEREAS, A Ph.D. in history from the University of Hawaii, Dr. Zelle Andrews was a co-founder and President of Hawaii's Women's Liberation, a founding member of the Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, and a co-founder of the Honolulu Chapter of NOW; she was also appointed by the Governor of Hawaii to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the period of her volunteer and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Zelle Andrews has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Zelle Andrews has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Zelle Andrews upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as recipient of the Myron Isaacs Community Service Award by the New York Civil Liberties Union; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Zelle Andrews.