

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephen W. Schlissel Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Nassau County Bar Association on May 11, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Stephen W. Schlissel Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Nassau County Bar Association to be celebrated at its 114th Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the Marriott Hotel, Uniondale, Long Island; and

WHEREAS, A Nassau County native, Stephen W. Schlissel is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard Law School, cum laude; and

WHEREAS, For 34 years, Stephen W. Schlissel taught as an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School, and for 20 years, he was an adjunct professor at Hofstra Law School; and

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schlissel is a founding and the managing member of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC of Garden City, Long Island, New York; he is also a co-founder of P.E.A.C.E. (Parent Education And Custody Effectiveness) which established a program for educating parents and children in divorce situations; and

WHEREAS, He served as co-Chair of a National Joint Task Force of the American Bar Association's Family Law Section, and the Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts, which had the goal of establishing standards and models for Parent Education Programs in other localities; and

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schlissel was chosen as one of the top attorneys in the United States in all editions of THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA (Woodward/Whitel), only one of less than 250 family law attorneys to be so chosen; and

WHEREAS, Continuously designated a "Super Lawyer", in 2010, Stephen W. Schlissel was selected as one of the top 100 Super Lawyers, out of 65,000, in the New York City Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, He served for more than seven years as a member of the Grievance Committee for the 10th Judicial District, and was appointed to the Committee on Character and Fitness; and

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schlissel is also a member of the Board of Governors of the New York State Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program, a member of the joint First and Second Department Mental Health Professional Review Committee, and the Financial Chair of the Nassau County Bar Association's WE CARE Fund; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Stephen W. Schlissel is a co-Chair of the Nassau County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts; he has lectured throughout the country and authored and co-authored many articles, including CHILD CUSTODY FOLLOWING DIVORCE: HOW GRASP THE NETTLE, co-authored with The Honorable Bernard S. Meyer, then of the New York State Court of Appeals, published in the NEW YORK STATE BAR JOURNAL; and

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schlissel is the original author of a two-volume work entitled SEPARATION AGREEMENTS AND MARITAL CONTRACTS; and

WHEREAS, One of the outstanding trial lawyers in New York State, Stephen W. Schlissel has also established new law on appeal in a number of cases; he was the first attorney in New York State to obtain an Order prohibiting a mother from smoking in the presence of her children; and

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schlissel is a member of numerous professional associations, some of which include: the American Academy of Matrimonial

Lawyers, and the American, New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations, as well as the New York State Family Law Section; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Stephen W. Schlissel is a Diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, membership in which is limited to only 100 attorneys across America; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stephen W. Schlissel has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of almost 53 years, Joan, and their three daughters and three sons-in-law, as well as seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Stephen W. Schlissel has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Stephen W. Schlissel Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Nassau County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen W. Schlissel Esq.