

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Susan Najork upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Ruth and James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation on May 1, 2013

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, Susan Najork has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susan Najork upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Ruth and James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at the annual Ottaway Medal Dinner, to be held at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1971, the Orange County Citizens Foundation is a private, non-profit corporation that coordinates 16 engaged committees; its Board and staff serve as community volunteers to learn more about the needs of Orange County residents; and

WHEREAS, The Ottaway Medal is named in honor of Ruth and James Ottaway, Sr., who set the bar for local community involvement years ago; the couple helped to found the Citizens Foundation and also lent personal and financial support to many other community treasures; and

WHEREAS, Susan Najork has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving on the Boards of Directors for the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, and Mount Saint Mary College, Susan Najork is also a former member of the Boards of Directors of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital (Foundation and Auxiliary) and the Newburgh Day Nursery; and

WHEREAS, Susan Najork is a former trustee, deacon, and session member for the Calvary Presbyterian Church; she is a well-respected community philanthropist and the retired owner and director of Collection Bureau Hudson Valley, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Susan Najork also sits on the Capital Campaign Committee for Newburgh's Ritz Theater and supports other organizations, including the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and the Orange County Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Susan Najork has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Susan Najork upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Ruth and James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That A copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Najork.