LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Bowen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the You're an Angel Award by To Life!

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, A great community is only as great as those persons who 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Mary Bowen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the You're an Angel Award by To Life! to be celebrated at its 15th Annual Gala on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at the Franklin Plaza, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, To Life! has served thousands of women and their families throughout the 10 county capital region providing unparalleled education, information and support regarding breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bowen is a Patient Support Services Nurse at New York Oncology Hematology Albany Cancer Center; a Registered Nurse for 35 years, she grew up in Albany and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Excelsior College along with her master's degree in Nursing; she is certified in Oncology Nursing and is a certified Breast Care Nurse; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bowen started her nursing profession at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany and worked in intensive care, delivery/maternity, hospice and then went on to support clinical trials; she always had an interest in disease management and serving cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, A member of the New York State Oncology Nurses Association, Mary Bowen has always felt a strong calling to serve; she is very highly regarded by patients and staff; she is a true asset to society; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Bowen upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the You're an Angel Award by To Life!; and be it further

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