

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Nadia Ehrlich Finkelstein upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the 2013 Woman of Achievement Award by the YWCA of Schenectady

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Nadia Ehrlich Finkelstein upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the 2013 Woman of Achievement Award by the YWCA of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Ehrlich Finkelstein received this most prestigious honor at the 30th Annual Women of Achievement Celebration on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Nadia Finkelstein has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Finkelstein was born in Vienna, Austria and raised in Shanghai, China during the World War II era; she attended an English speaking elementary and high school in Shanghai, and graduated from Cambridge Latin High School in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Finkelstein attended Simmons College and the Columbia University School of Social Work; she would later marry the late Professor Joseph Finkelstein of Union College who brought her to the Capital Region in 1955; and

WHEREAS, After two years of employment first at the Albany Home for Children and later with the Schenectady Public School System, Nadia Finkelstein retired to become a stay at home mom for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, When Nadia Finkelstein's youngest child was in school full-time, she returned to the Albany Home for Children which eventually became Parsons Child and Family Center; she remained there for 23 years until her retirement; her responsibilities at the Albany Home began as Residential Team Coordinator, then Director of Residential Care and finally as Associate Executive Director of the agency; and

WHEREAS, The Parsons Child and Family Center allowed Nadia Finkelstein time to lead workshops nationally, write several articles in professional journals and finally author CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN LIMBO, A SEARCH FOR CONNECTIONS, published by Praeger; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Finkelstein's most proud accomplishment was being an active participant in the moving of Parsons Child and Family Center from a child centered agency with three professional programs including residential, day treatment and education, to becoming a family centered agency with an array of 32 programs and services committed to the importance of family connections in a young person's life; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children and five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Finkelstein has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and profession; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nadia Ehrlich Finkelstein upon the occasion of her designation

as a recipient of the 2013 Woman of Achievement Award by the YWCA of Schenectady; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nadia Ehrlich Finkelstein.