LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Carol Ryan 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 Carol Ryan upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the 2013 Woman of Achievement Award by the YWCA of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ryan 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, Carol Ryan has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ryan began her career as an environmental specialist after earning a bachelor's degree in biology from Clarkson University; during her 20 years with General Electric, she has held roles of increasing responsibility; she started as an Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Specialist and was later promoted to program manager where she provided guidance to 120 service locations; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Carol Ryan became the Apparatus and Service Division EHS leader; over the next seven years, she built a world class training team that developed digital training solutions that were translated into 17 languages and utilized throughout the organization; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Carol Ryan was promoted to the role of EHS leader for Global Research; in this role, she leads a diverse global team of EHS professionals from Germany, India, China, US, and Brazil; they are responsible for all aspects of environmental compliance and safety in a complex R&D environment; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ryan also leads Junior Achievement activities for GEGR where she provides leadership for volunteerism in the classroom, Student Job Shadow, and other Junior Achievement events; she is active in her church and has led the fundraising committee for St. Jude the Apostle School for nine years; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Jake, and their children Allyson, Conor and Shannon, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ryan 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 Carol Ryan 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 Carol Ryan.