LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Teresa Fenner Spadafora upon the occasion of being designated a 2013 Woman of Excellence by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their community; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Fenner Spadafora will be recognized as a 2013 Woman of Excellence by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon to be held at the Albany Marriott on May 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Teri studied Early Childhood Education at Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, She also attended the New School of Contemporary Radio and worked at several local radio stations; and

WHEREAS, During her time in Buffalo, Teri returned to school at Buffalo State College to study secondary education English; and

WHEREAS, Upon her return to the Capital District, she worked in event planning and retail management before embarking on a new endeavor in the banking industry; and

WHEREAS, Teri began her distinguished career in banking with Key Bank in 2002; and

WHEREAS, She became a branch manager and a licensed banker; and

WHEREAS, Teri began working for First Niagara in 2009 and currently manages the Financial Services Center in East Greenbush; she focuses on the acquisition of new clients, working with current customers, and the professional development of her staff; and

WHEREAS, She is a wonderful inspiration and role model to her staff and is most proud of the 15 promotions within her staff in less than four years; and

WHEREAS, Teri is active in the Women's Business Council of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, serving as past co-chair of the Women of Excellence luncheon and past co-chair of the Programming Committee; and

WHEREAS, She contributes her time to Ronald McDonald House Charities, Wildwood Programs, Center for Disability Services, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Schenectady City Mission, and Habitat for Humanity; she is also President of First Niagara's Employee Volunteer Corps; and

WHEREAS, Teri is the proud mother of Dan Cranston and Katie Gene Cranston Spadafora, and the loving wife of John Spadafora; and

WHEREAS, Teri has exhibited the true spirit of this prestigious award through her impressive professional success and her tireless dedication to her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Teresa Fenner Spadafora upon the occasion of being designated a 2013 Woman of Excellence by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Teresa Fenner Spadafora.