

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Stein Scholars Program established by Fordham University School of Law's Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics on June 6, 2013

WHEREAS, Fordham Law School's Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics established the Stein Program 20 years ago to support and educate law students who are committed, in the words of the Law School's motto, to practicing law "in the service of others"; and

WHEREAS, The Stein Scholars Program selects approximately 20 students from each entering Fordham Law School class to participate in the Program throughout the time they attend Law School; and

WHEREAS, Interning in public interest law offices and participating in student volunteer organizations, Stein Scholars collectively contribute more than 10,000 hours of public service each year; and

WHEREAS, Through their regular presentation of programs on contemporary issues of public interest law and their establishment of and leadership in other student organizations, Stein Scholars have enhanced Fordham Law School's efforts to train students dedicated to public service and committed to the highest professional and ethical values; and

WHEREAS, Stein Scholars have undertaken specialized academic work in public interest law and ethics to educate themselves for future careers in which they will employ their skills and knowledge to improve their communities and the lives of its members; and

WHEREAS, Graduates of the Stein Scholars Program, as attorneys and public citizens, have gone on to serve the public countless ways, including through positions in federal, state, and local government agencies, through service to vulnerable and low-income clients who seek fulfillment of basic human needs such as housing, medical care and fair work conditions, by protecting public safety and defending individual liberty, by promoting civil rights, environmental justice, and other causes, through efforts to improve the law and the legal profession, and through volunteer work and civic engagement in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, the Stein Scholars Program has benefited from the dedication of its faculty and directors, from the support of the Fordham Law School administration, and from the generosity of the late Louis Stein and his friends and family, including his wife, the late Bess Stein, their three daughters, Ruth Nathanson, Audrey Merves, and the late Marilyn Bellet, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, 20 years after its establishment, the Stein Scholars Program has grown into a strong, ongoing professional community of students and graduates who support each other's effort to serve the public and who, through their work, daily reaffirm the ideal of law as a public calling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Stein Scholars Program established by Fordham University School of Law's Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics for 20 years of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics.