

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda A. Townsend upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on June 6, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Linda A. Townsend upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction; the Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the Emerson Park Pavilion in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012 by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular merit, Linda A. Townsend, Auburn High Class of 1971, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and her profession, and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Linda A. Townsend's noteworthy professional life spans multiple fields of accomplishment and endeavor; and

WHEREAS, She has been employed by the Port Byron Central School District for more than 20 years; currently a teacher at Dana L. West High School, Linda Townsend has received national recognition for her expertise and scholarship, including her selection for: The Street Law U.S. Supreme Court Fellowship, Ford's Theater Lincoln Fellowship and the Foundation for Teaching Economics and the Environment, as well as her selection as the first New York State teacher to be a Horace Mann Fellow at the Lincoln Presidential Museum, among many other honors; and

WHEREAS, Prior to being an educator, Linda Townsend worked with Legal Services of Central New York, and John M. Caster, Esq., helping economically disadvantaged citizens in Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Linda Townsend was elected a Cayuga County Legislator and, in 1985, she was elected Chairperson of the County Legislature, the first woman to ever hold that post; she proudly served on that esteemed body for 10 years, and her exceptional commitment during her service earned her the Cayuga County Senior Citizens Council Outstanding Elected Official Award in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Linda Townsend volunteers her talents as a vocal performer to many civic organizations throughout the community; she has also served on various community boards over the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Linda Townsend earned an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and an associate's degree in Liberal Arts Humanities from Auburn Community College (now Cayuga Community College); she achieved a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Public Justice from SUNY Oswego, a Juris Doctorate degree from Syracuse University College of Law, and dual certification in English and Social Studies; 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 honor Linda A. Townsend upon the occasion of her designation as 2013

Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda A. Townsend.