

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David M. Schraver and Jerry Wein upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Empire Justice Center's 2013 Leadership Awards

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary individuals whose purposeful lives and distinguished careers have been committed to bettering the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Schraver and Jerry Wein upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Leadership Awards by the Empire Justice Center with a celebration held at the Rochester Plaza on May 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the Empire Justice Center and to the advancement of access to justice for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Empire Justice is a statewide organization with offices in Rochester, Albany, White Plains and Central Islip; its mission is to protect and strengthen the legal rights of people in New York who are poor, disabled, or disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Empire Justice successfully pursues its mission by providing training, support and technical assistance to legal services; undertaking policy analysis and research; and offering legal assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, David M. Schraver is a business litigation partner at Nixon Peabody LLP, a cum laude graduate of Harvard College and a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, who, prior to joining Nixon Peabody's predecessor firm, Nixon Hargrave Devans & Doyle, was on active duty in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps; and

WHEREAS, David M. Schraver joined the Board of Directors of the Empire Justice Center in 2010 because of his interest in and commitment to providing access to justice for all and his conviction that the work of the Empire Justice Center is an extremely important part of meeting the needs of New Yorkers who need these services most; and

WHEREAS, He stepped down from the Empire Justice Board when he was nominated to become President of the New York State Bar Association in November of 2011, and now stands ready to assume that Presidency effective June 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Wein became a staff attorney at Empire Justice Center's predecessor organization, the Greater Upstate Law Project, in 1978, and became the organization's Training Director and served as the Associate Director; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Wein organized an innovative statewide training consortium that developed and delivered training to legal services attorneys, paralegals and support staff, and became part of the design teams that developed national training programs for the federal Legal Services Corporation in lawyering and supervision skills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wein teaches supervision and management skills, consults with organizations in areas including diversity management, organizational assessment and strategic planning, and is currently consulting with the Feerick Center for Social Justice at Fordham University School of Law where he focuses on the Attorney Emeritus Program, an initiative of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, to encourage lawyers over the age of 55 to provide pro bono legal services; 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 David M. Schraver and Jerry Wein upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Empire Justice Center's 2013 Leadership Awards.