

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Carolina Salguero upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Harbor Historic Ship Steward of Excellence by the National Maritime Historical Society, on May 21, 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Carolina Salguero has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Carolina Salguero upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Harbor Historic Ship Steward of Excellence by the National Maritime Historical Society; this noteworthy distinction was celebrated on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, aboard the MARY A. WHALEN, at Pier 11, Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The May 21st festivities also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the National Maritime Historical Society (NMHS), and the 75th anniversary of the MARY A. WHALEN; and

WHEREAS, The NMHS is the national voice for America's maritime heritage; it helps to raise awareness of our Nation's history and the role seafaring has played in shaping the United States of America along with the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, Carolina Salguero, Founder and Director of PortSide New York, a nonprofit in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, received the NMHS Award of Excellence for her work with the MARY A. WHALEN, a former oil tanker on the National Register of Historic Places that, since 2006, has served as the base of operations for PortSide New York; and

WHEREAS, The MARY A. WHALEN is the only former oil tanker in the world that is used as a maritime center for education, cultural events, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Carolina Salguero was born in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, and spent her teen years in New England; after graduating magna cum laude from Yale University with majors in Art and American Studies, she worked around the world as a freelance documentary photographer and writer, covering some of the most troubled locations on the globe; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, Carolina Salguero has been researching, documenting, boating, and advocating on behalf of New York City's waterfront; in 2002, she completed a two and a half year project on the city's tugboats for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, which introduced her to the working waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Carolina Salguero supervised the haul-out and restoration of the MARY A. WHALEN in the winter of 2007, and has helmed PortSide's diverse mix of innovative programs relating to water issues, waterfront history, maritime preservation and community revitalization ever since; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Carolina Salguero has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Carolina Salguero has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Carolina Salguero upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the New York Harbor Historic Ship Steward of Excellence by the National Maritime Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Carolina Salguero.