LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carmen Della Bella upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Charles R. Wood Award by the Charles R. Wood Theater

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, Carmen Della Bella 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 honor Carmen Della Bella upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Charles R. Wood Award by the Charles R. Wood Theater for her dedication to organizations throughout her community; an award ceremony and gala will be held in her honor on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Hiland Park Country Club in Queensbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Charles R. Wood Award, now in its 4th year, is presented to an individual from the greater Glens Falls, New York, area who embodies qualities Charles R. Wood possessed, including a philanthropic spirit, vision, intelligence, solid business sense, communitymindedness, generosity, and gratitude; Carmen Della Bella is such an individual; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Della Bella has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For more than eight years, Carmen Della Bella played a critical role in the formation of several programs at Double H Hole in the Woods Ranch in Lake Luzerne, New York; she served as volunteer coordinator while also working on the creation of an elder hostel program, where seniors stay and volunteer at the ranch; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Della Bella has also served on the Glens Falls Hospital Board of Governors, was a founding trustee for Glens Falls Hospital Foundation, and served as president for two terms with the Glens Falls Hospital Guild; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Carmen Della Bella volunteered for Cindy's Comfort Camp, a service of Charles R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital, serving as the admissions coordinator for nine years; and

WHEREAS, A volunteer of St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus Catholic School, Carmen Della Bella has supported the Wait House, and served as a past board member of Community, Work & Independence; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Carmen Della Bella 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 Carmen Della Bella has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carmen Della Bella upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Charles R. Wood Award by the Charles R. Wood Theater; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carmen Della Bella.