

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Elisabeth Ryden Benjamin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Progressive Leadership Award by the Citizen Action of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elisabeth Ryden Benjamin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Progressive Leadership Award by the Citizen Action of New York, to be celebrated at its Awards Gala on Tuesday, December 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Action of New York works as part of U.S. Action to build better futures for families and communities throughout the State and nation; for 29 years, Citizen Action of New York has spearheaded successful efforts to guarantee quality and affordable health care to all, successful quality education and early learning programs and the promotion of racial justice; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Action of New York is honoring Elisabeth Benjamin for her incredible leadership on health policy and health care reform, not only as Vice President of Health Initiatives for the Community Service Society, but also as a founder of Community Health Advocates (CHA), and as a co-founder with Citizen Action of the Health Care for All New York Campaign (HCFANY), a statewide coalition of over 120 organizations devoted to securing affordable, quality health Care for all New Yorkers; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Elisabeth Benjamin and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elisabeth Ryden Benjamin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Progressive Leadership Award by the Citizen Action of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elisabeth Ryden Benjamin.