

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Librada Paz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award by the Rochester Institute of Technology

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, Librada Paz 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 Librada Paz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award by the Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Librada Paz endured difficult conditions to cross into the United States at the young age of 15 to join her brothers in performing difficult agricultural work; and

WHEREAS, Librada Paz survived traumatic experiences but, with the support of her family, she rose to attend college and earn a degree in mechanical engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Librada Paz utilized her education and became an advocate for farm workers in New York State as well as nationwide, and founded the Rural Migrant Ministry; and

WHEREAS; The Rural Migrant Ministry has provided invaluable services for migrant workers, many of whom do not speak English and are not fully aware of their rights, including education and literary services; and

WHEREAS, Today, Librada Paz continues to work toward expanding justice and equality for migrant workers; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Librada Paz has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize Librada Paz for her selfless dedication to improving the plight of others, never forgetting her heritage and bringing crucial social services to those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Librada Paz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award by the Rochester Institute of Technology; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Librada Paz.