

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Irene Berner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 New Paltz Alumna of the Year Award and her induction into its School of Business Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Irene Berner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 New Paltz Alumna of the Year Award and her induction into its School of Business Hall of Fame, to be celebrated with an Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, The SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to recognize the achievements of students, faculty, alumni and community members who have made significant contributions to their respective business professions and to the educational activities at the school; and

WHEREAS, A 2011 SUNY New Paltz graduate, Irene Berner is the founder of Berner Financial Services, a New Paltz-based wealth management services company; it allows her the opportunity to apply her passion for educating and empowering women to take control of their financial lives; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community, Irene Berner is actively involved with numerous organizations including regional Chambers of Commerce, the New Paltz Rotary Club and the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association; she is still connected to SUNY New Paltz as a member of the Business Advisory Council and a Judge of the annual Business Plan Contest; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Irene Berner has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Irene Berner has displayed throughout her career; 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 Irene Berner upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 New Paltz Alumna of the Year Award and her induction into its School of Business Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Irene Berner.