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**HONORING** Elizabeth Miller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce on March 9, 2019

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

**WHEREAS,** From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elizabeth Miller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 30th Annual Event at the Sagamore Resort on Saturday, March 9, 2019, in Bolton Landing, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This prestigious award is named after the late J. Walter Juckett, who was a tremendous force in his community; Elizabeth Miller is truly deserving of this recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** After earning her Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, Elizabeth Miller enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a speech-language pathologist (SLP) for the Saratoga Springs City Schools, the position from which she officially retired after three decades of service; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the death of her husband Miles in 2007, Elizabeth Miller decided to take over his metal-fabrication company, Miller Mechanical Services, Inc.; even though she had very little business experience, she courageously took the helm, and with the help of her skilled management team, found a great deal of success; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous leadership of Elizabeth Miller, Miller Mechanical Services, Inc. continued to prosper; on the leading edge of technology, she introduced a waterjet cutting machine to the company which gave it a strategic advantage which allowed the company to handle many new materials, including wood, foam, and even granite, and enabled employees to better prepare metal parts for welding; and

**WHEREAS,** Elizabeth Miller then expanded the company by adding a second waterjet; three years ago, she purchased a machine shop, Doty Machine Works; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2014, Elizabeth Miller purchased and began renovating the historic 1911 Glens Falls Park Theater; after four years of hard work, heart and soul, the Theater was transformed into a state of the art performing space with Doc's Restaurant downstairs; and

**WHEREAS,** Even though Elizabeth Miller is thriving as the owner of Miller Mechanical Services, Inc. and its sister company Doty Machine Works, she remains true to her roots as an educator who has always enjoyed working with young people; currently, her companies employ bright BOCES interns who reap the benefits of working with such dedicated professionals; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Elizabeth Miller is a vital member of numerous boards of directors of local schools and donates her time and energy to many worthy civic organizations; and

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

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elizabeth Miller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Miller.