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HONORING Faith Vavra upon the occasion of her designation as the 2020-21 Woman of Achievement by the Junior League of Binghamton, Inc.

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals, such as Faith Vavra who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Faith Vavra upon the occasion of her designation as the 2020-21 Woman of Achievement by the Junior League of Binghamton, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, For two decades, Faith Vavra has given tirelessly of her time and energies to the Junior League, not only in Binghamton, New York, but in Virginia Beach, Atlanta, Oklahoma City, and Colorado Springs; in this capacity, she has brought tenacity, intelligence, and passion to every conversation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Faith Vavra understands the inter-connectivity of the community and economy, often leveraging the strength of strong organizational partnerships and executive relationships to generate measurable economic development locally; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, under the able leadership of Faith Vavra, several pivotal milestones were met in the construction of the Junior League of Binghamton's community impact project, the Kopernik Science Park, which was completed in October of the following year; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Faith Vavra was instrumental in bringing stakeholders to the table to launch a planning team for Broome County's first STEM Trail; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the Junior League of Binghamton, this extraordinary woman also received its Lifetime Achievement Award and the Watrous Silver Bowl Award in June of 2020; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Faith Vavra holds numerous positions in public and non-profit offices across the county; she recently served in the role of Deputy District Director with the 22nd NYS Congressional District, and currently serves as a FEMA Public Information Officer, as well as a business mentor to local high school students; and

WHEREAS, Previously, she held professional positions as the Secretary to the Deputy County Executive of Broome County, Director of Programs for the Victim Assistance Center of Akron, Ohio, and as an adjunct instructor of criminal justice at SUNY Broome; and

WHEREAS, Faith Vavra holds a Masters of Criminal Justice from the

University of South Carolina, and a Masters of Public Administration from Troy University; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Faith Vavra, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Faith Vavra upon the occasion of her designation as the 2020-21 Woman of Achievement by the Junior League of Binghamton, Inc., and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Faith Vavra.