

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

COMMEMORATING Westchester County Bar Association's
125 years of service to the Westchester legal
community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is significantly enriched by the faithful, concerned, dedicated, and diligent work of those individuals and organizations which serve to meet the needs and enhance 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 commemorate Westchester County Bar Association's 125 years of service to the Westchester legal community; the Association will host its Annual Gala at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, New York, on Thursday, May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, At this prestigious event, the Westchester County Bar Association will honor Incoming President, Brian S. Cohen, Esq., Outgoing President, James K. Landau, Esq., the Association's newly elected Officers and Directors for the 2025-2026 term, and 50 Years of Service Award Recipients; the James D. Hopkins Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to The Honorable Linda S. Jamieson, New York State Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, On February 11, 1896, a group of eleven lawyers convened in the Supervisor's Room at the Westchester County Courthouse "for the purpose of effecting an organization"; today, the Westchester County Bar Association (WCBA) includes seven Sections and more than 40 Committees with a voluntary membership of more than 1,900 attorneys, judges, and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, The Officers and Board of Directors of the WCBA are hard-working and diverse, representing a cross-section of the richness and depth of the legal community of Westchester County; attorney, affiliate, and law student members are afforded opportunities to help shape Westchester's legal community and maintain the high standards of the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, As a not-for-profit corporation, the WCBA seeks to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, competence, and courtesy within the legal profession; to that end, the Association strives to promote the ends of justice and cultivate the science of jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the WCBA is to maintain the availability of the law to all who seek redress and facilitate the administration of justice; through the Association's many programs and committees, it serves all members of society by seeking and perfecting the common good; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate Westchester County Bar Association's 125 years of service to the Westchester legal community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Westchester County Bar Association.