

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare upon the occasion of receiving Distinguished Alumni in Government awards from Albany Law School

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare upon the occasion of receiving Distinguished Alumni in Government awards from Albany Law School; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Albany Law School's Alumni in Government Reception, to be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at The State Room, 142 State Street in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Princeton University, Barbara D. Cottrell received her J.D. degree from Albany Law School in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Barbara D. Cottrell is a retired Major in the United States Army Reserve Medical Service Corps; since 1985, she has also been an assistant United States Attorney with the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Barbara D. Cottrell received the Young Federal Lawyers Award from the Federal Bar Association, and, in 2004, she received recognition from the American Bar Association Division for Public Education for her commitment to teaching young people about the rule of law through youth court programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Barbara D. Cottrell received an Outstanding Young Alumna Award, an Excellence in Alumni Service Award and a Kate Stoneman Award from Albany Law School; she has been a member of the law school's Board of Trustees since 1992 and was awarded emeritus status in 2012; she also is a clinical adjunct professor at the law school; and

WHEREAS, Barbara D. Cottrell serves on the Board of Trustees at St. Peter's Hospital Partners and is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center; she is also a member of the Sage City Symphony in Bennington, Vermont, and the Stockbridge Sinfonia in Stockbridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Albany Law School in 2002, Brian R. Haak is also a graduate of Empire State College and Herkimer Community College; and

WHEREAS, Brian R. Haak has served on the St. Johnsville Village Board, as St. Johnsville clerk-treasurer and as administrative assistant to the Mayor of St. Johnsville, as well as the Village and Town Justice of St. Johnsville and its town/county supervisor; he has also served as the Director of Finance for the City of Norwich and on the Montgomery County Drug Court Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, In June 2012, Brian R. Haak was appointed to the Colonie, New York, Town Board, and served as a member of the Colonie Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, A member of the New York and Massachusetts bars, Brian R. Haak is active in various professional and community activities, including the New York State Bar Association's Committee of Law, Youth and Citizenship; he has served as Associate Counsel and Home Rule Counsel to the New York State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Frank G. Hoare received his J.D. degree from Albany Law School in 1985; he is a 1982 graduate of SUNY Albany where he received

his B.A. degree with Honors; he participated in the Washington Semester Program at American University and, in 1980, he studied history and politics at Brunel University in England; and

WHEREAS, A member of the New York State bar, and admitted to practice law in the Federal District Courts of New York, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Supreme Court and United States Court of Military Appeals, Frank G. Hoare is a partner in the law firm of Featherstonhaugh, Wiley and Clyne in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Frank G. Hoare served as counsel to the Chair of the New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee, as well as serving as a New York State Deputy Attorney General for Regional Affairs; and

WHEREAS, A Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate Corps of the United States Army Reserve, Frank G. Hoare served on active duty in Afghanistan as a legal advisor to the Afghan National Army, for which he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; additionally, he served on active duty in Iraq in 2003, earning a Bronze Star; he has also served on active duty in Kuwait, Bosnia, Germany and Panama; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and have earned the respect and admiration of their colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare; 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 Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare upon the occasion of receiving Distinguished Alumni in Government awards from Albany Law School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara D. Cottrell, Brian R. Haak and Frank G. Hoare.