

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carole J. Wolf upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2011 Seeberger Citizenship Award from the Dutchess ARC Foundation

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, Carole J. Wolf has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carole J. Wolf upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2011 Seeberger Citizenship Award from the Dutchess ARC Foundation, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the ARC Foundation Annual Snow Ball; and

WHEREAS, Carole Wolf is being honored in memory of another Dutchess County visionary, Catherine "Kay" Seeberger; in the late 1950s, Kay Seeberger, a teacher and lifelong resident, joined with a dedicated group of special education teachers and parents concerned for their children; these visionaries challenged society's traditional disregard for children with developmental disabilities, taking steps toward the creation of Dutchess ARC; and

WHEREAS, Carole Wolf is Founder and Executive Director of Mill Street Loft; she holds a Master's degree in Art Education and taught art at Dutchess Community College and a local high school for over 25 years; in addition, she is a frequent presenter at national, state and regional conferences and has served on the boards of several not-for-profit organizations, including the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and is currently on their Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Carole Wolf is an artist by trade, an educator by training, and is dedicated to using the arts to respond to and improve community; in 1981, she rented a studio in the former Bond Factory building on Mill Street in Poughkeepsie, and shortly thereafter created the Dutchess Arts Camp, which served 19 campers in 1982 and currently offers imaginative programming with professional artist educators to more than 1,000 children each summer; and

WHEREAS, The Mill Street Loft has grown under Carole Wolf's direction and has moved to its renovated headquarters at 45 Pershing Avenue in Poughkeepsie; throughout its history, the Mill Street Loft has collaborated with other area organizations and offered intergenerational and arts-in-education programs; and

WHEREAS, A major award-winning Dutchess County arts organization, Mill Street Loft's underlying philosophy is to create, develop and implement programs that build self-esteem while learning through the arts; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Mill Street Loft created the first of its Outreach Programs that serve economically disadvantaged youth in the Cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon; the organization also launched its Arts for Healing partnership program with the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in 2007, demonstrating another powerful example of how arts change lives; this particular program serves children with acute and chronic diseases and their families; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of Carole Wolf's professional and community efforts include: the Dutchess Community College Recognition Award for 25 years of teaching; the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club Service Above Self Award; the Community Service Award from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; a New York State Senate Citation; a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the United States House of Representatives; a Certificate of Merit from the New York State Assembly; the

Best of the Hudson Valley Social Activist Award; and a 2009 Dutchess

County Executive Arts Award for Arts in Education, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Carole Wolf has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Carole Wolf has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Carole Wolf has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carole J. Wolf upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2011 Seeberger Citizenship Award from the Dutchess ARC Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carole J. Wolf.