

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Andrea P. Thau upon the occasion of her inauguration as President of the American Optometric Association on July 2, 2016

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 Dr. Andrea P. Thau, OD, FAAO, FCOVD, DPNAP, upon the occasion of her inauguration as President of the American Optometric Association on Saturday, July 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The American Optometric Association was founded in 1898, and is a federation that serves 39,000 doctors of optometry, optometry students and paraoptometric assistants and technicians by setting professional standards, promoting efficient and effective patient care, advocating on behalf of the optometric profession, and providing research and education leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrea P. Thau was first elected to the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees in 2007 and elected Vice President in June 2014, and serves as chair of the AOA 401 (k) Committee, is a member of the AOA Executive, Agenda and Personnel Committees, and serves as board liaison to affiliate associations in five states; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrea P. Thau, was the first woman president of the New York State Optometric Association, the New York Academy of Optometry, and the Optometric Society of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrea P. Thau is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry, and a Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrea P. Thau, is a champion of children's vision and a nationally recognized lecturer in the area of infant's and children's vision, and is a founder of the AOA's InfantSEE public health program, a national program that provides free vision assessments to infants, and is a founding member and former vice president of the New York Children's Vision Coalition, which is dedicated to ensuring that every child in New York receives an eye examination prior to school entry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrea P. Thau is the recipient of numerous awards, including New York State Optometrist of the Year, SUNY Optometry Alumnus of the Year, 20/20 MAGAZINE'S Best and Brightest Eyecare Professional, and is a two time winner of VISION MONDAY'S 20 Most Influential Women in Optical; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Andrea P. Thau has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and state 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 the accomplishments of Dr. Andrea P. Thau on the occasion of her inauguration as President of the American Optometric Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Andrea P. Thau.