Senate Resolution No. 1513

BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba upon the occasion of receiving the 37th Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are assets beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba upon the occasion of receiving the 37th Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award; this honor will be presented by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce at the ARCC Annual Dinner at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, New York, on Friday, March 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1914, the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC) is a membership organization representing businesses in New York State's Washington, Warren, Essex, and Northern Saratoga Counties; the ARCC is a 501c6 not-for-profit corporation, governed by a volunteer board of directors, and does not receive any funding from local, county, or state governments; its mission is to support its business community through advocacy, education, connection, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, The J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award, named in honor of the longtime chairman of the Sandy Hill Corporation, was created 37 years ago to recognize and honor a deserving member of the community who has selflessly gone above and beyond by contributing time and energy to help others; and

WHEREAS, With more than 50 years as an artist, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba has utilized her work as a college professor and her extensive world travels to establish the World Awareness Children's Museum in Glens Falls, New York; originally founded in 1985 as the International Arts and Culture Association, the Museum now houses more than 10,000 pieces of children's artwork from around the globe and offers opportunities for children and families to explore our diverse world through play and learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba previously served as Board President of North Country ARTS and was a key organizer in the development of the Arts District of Glens Falls; she is a published author with many of her research and writings featured in national and international publications; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba has elevated her passion for art and education by creating projects and initiatives which have created a ripple effect of opportunities in her community; she also supports many nonprofit organizations through the Touba Family Foundation which provides funding for art organizations in times when many funding

opportunities have been decreased; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her community, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba has been active in many service organizations, including the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC), Hyde Collection, and Chapman Museum; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba has received numerous awards, honors, and distinctions, including the New York State Senate "Woman of Distinction" in 2009, the Soroptimist's Making a Difference for Women Award, and the Zonta International Peace Award; and

WHEREAS, Through her continued work, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba has done so much to shine a light on art and culture in the region; her contributions to the enrichment of the lives of community members of all ages warrants recognition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba has exemplified commitment to her community, and her hard work and impressive accomplishments are a testament to her success; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba 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

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records this tribute to Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character 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 congratulate Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba upon the occasion of receiving the 37th Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Jacquiline S. Touba.