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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Janifer Lynn Lighten upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Community Champion Award by the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains on May 7, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to 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 honor Janifer Lynn Lighten upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Community Champion Award by the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains at its second annual In the Company of Women Luncheon held on Friday, May 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Janifer Lynn Lighten has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and subsequently has been selected for this most prestigious commendation; and

WHEREAS, Janifer Lynn Lighten earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and a Master's of Business Administration degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Janifer Lynn Lighten went on to serve as a Manager of the Corporate Banking group for the Royal Bank of Canada in New York before leaving the corporate world to care for her children; and

WHEREAS, As a full-time mother, Janifer Lynn Lighten turned her formidable talents to the non-profit sector in her beloved community of New Rochelle, New York; she became involved in the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle, where she presently serves as a Director on the Board; she has also applied her considerable gifts to other community organizations, serving as past Director on the Board of the New Rochelle Overall Economic Development Corporation and past Director on the Board of the

New Rochelle Public Library Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Janifer Lynn Lighten serves as Director of the Remington Leadership Financial Literacy Program at the Remington Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle and was a co-founder of the Grace Innovation Ministry, an investment fund at Mount Vernon's Grace Baptist Church; she currently serves on the Head of School Committee and the Executive Board of the Horace Mann School in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Janifer Lynn Lighten has served as past Vice President and past Treasurer of the Parent Teachers Association at William B. Ward School and she has volunteered as a Leader of the Girl Scouts of Westchester-Putnam; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her efforts of in-depth magnitude, Janifer Lynn Lighten is the recipient of a multitude of awards and accolades; she was honored by the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle with their Service to Youth Award and is co-founder of a leadership program which received the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award for Social Action; she was also recognized as a member of the Circle of Red sponsored by the American Heart Association of Westchester and the Hudson Valley; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Janifer Lynn Lighten over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community 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 Janifer Lynn Lighten upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Community Champion Award by the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains on May 7, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janifer Lynn Lighten.