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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Pam Matt upon the occasion of being named a Women Who Make America honoree by WCNY

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, Pam Matt 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 congratulate Pam Matt upon the occasion of being named a Women Who Make America honoree by WCNY at an awards ceremony held on Friday, March 1, 2013, at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Women Who Make America awards represent a local collaboration between WCNY, Central New York's public broadcasting station, and the AOL and PBS national documentary, MAKERS: WOMEN WHO MAKE AMERICA, which features the stories of outstanding women whose extraordinary contributions helped to transform the lives of American women and society; and

WHEREAS, Pam Matt 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, She has been designated for this special honor in recognition of her significant community impact and exemplary service in the area of Business; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2012 Pam Matt became Executive Director of the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce, the first woman to hold the post in its 115 year existence; under her leadership the Chamber has grown in members and energy; and

WHEREAS, The Mohawk Valley region is the focus of Pam Matt's employment and volunteer activities; in her position with the Chamber, she acts out of a strong commitment to attracting new businesses and families to the region, while her civic engagement activities involve supporting individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Pam Matt is president-elect of the Utica Rotary Club and is active in the organization's Youth Exchange Program, hosting exchange students from around the world; she is also on the Board of Directors of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees and the Utica Downtown Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Pam Matt 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 Pam Matt has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Pam Matt upon the occasion of being named a Women Who Make America honoree by WCNY; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pam Matt.