

State of New York

Legislature of Erie County

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a Regular Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 1st Day of October, A.D. 2015, a Resolution was Adopted, of which the following is a True Copy:

Celebrating the Career and Retirement of The Honorable Rose H. Sconiers

WHEREAS, after graduating from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law in 1973, Rose H. Sconiers was admitted to the State Bar in 1974, and to the U.S. Federal District Court in 1975, in addition to also being admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers was appointed by Chief Judge Lippman to Chair the statewide Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers served as Judge of the City Court of Buffalo; former Executive Attorney of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., and Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers was elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 1993 and re-elected in 2007. Justice Rose H. Sconiers was then appointed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, by Governor David A. Paterson on February 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers is an emeritus member of the University of Buffalo Council and a past President of the New York State Association of Council Members and College Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers was appointed by the former Chief Judge of New York State to the Unified Court System Advisory Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure, the Jury Project and the Commission on Fiduciary Appointments; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers has dutifully served as President of the University of Buffalo Law Alumni Association and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Defenders Association, President of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, former Presiding member of the Judicial Council of the New York State Bar Association and a former delegate to the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Dedicating her time to the Erie County Bar Association, she has served as a member of the Board of Directors, member of the Erie County Bar Association Grievance Committee, past Chair of the Lawyer Referral Service Committee, Law Day Committee, and also served on the Bar's Special Committee to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Police Civilian Review Board for the Buffalo Police Department, as well as serving on the Practice and Procedure in City Court Committee, Judiciary Committee and Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers is a past President of the Supreme Court Justice Association, Eighth Judicial District; past President of the Buffalo Chapter, National Bar Association; past Chairperson, Friends of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design at SUNY; past Vice-Chairperson, Women for Downtown; past President, Community Planning and Assistance Center for Western New York (CPAC); past Chairperson of the 13th Street Multi-Purpose Center, Inc., in Niagara Falls, New York; and past President of the Erie County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Justice Sconiers has given her time and talent to serving on the Boards of Directors of Buffalo Niagara Division of the American Heart Association, the Board of Directors of Artpark & Company, the Board of Trustees of Children's Hospital, the Board of Trustees of St. Mary' School for the Deaf and Board of Directors of the Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, an unyielding commitment to our community has earned Justice Sconiers many distinguished honors and awards such as the University of Buffalo Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award, the YWCA Leader Luncheon Outstanding Achievement Award and the Buffalo Urban League Evans/Young Award. She was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame in 2001 and received the 2008 Outstanding Jurist Award from the Bar Association of Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Erie County wishes to thank and commend the Honorable Rose H. Sconiers for her distinguished and celebrated judicial career. Justice Sconiers stout resolution to upholding justice and her virtuous service to the people of Western New York and Erie County is an inspiration to all.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature