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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Roberta M. Updaw upon the occasion of being named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

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, Roberta M. Updaw 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 honor Roberta M. Updaw upon the occasion of being named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at The Brookwoods Golf Club, Ontario, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Citizen of the Year Award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the entire Ontario community; and

WHEREAS, For more than 65 years Roberta M. Updaw has been a generous, energetic and creative presence throughout her community, selflessly serving her church, the local school district, her family and multiple non-profit organizations, civic groups and fraternal organizations; and

WHEREAS, Roberta M. Updaw worked in the Wayne Central School District for 36 years; she was a vocal and instrumental teacher, as well as a music administrator; and

WHEREAS, Roberta M. Updaw's luminous guidance provided leadership and inspiration to teachers, students, their parents, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Roberta M. Updaw actively promoted and demonstrated the importance of music and culture through creating diverse opportunities

for musical enrichment, including concerts, recitals, festivals, competitions, and visits by top instrumentalists and vocalists; with forethought and wisdom, she developed a means to institutionalize support for music and culture through grant funding and other development approaches, impacting the Ontario community for generations to come; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Roberta M. Updaw 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 Roberta M. Updaw has displayed throughout her life; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Roberta M. Updaw upon the occasion of being named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roberta M. Updaw.