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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dorothy Walz upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the VALLEY STREAM HERALD, on December 26, 2013

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, Dorothy Walz 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 Dorothy Walz upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the VALLEY STREAM HERALD, on December 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The quality of life in the Valley Stream, New York, community has been immeasurably enhanced by Dorothy Walz's dedicated volunteer work over the past 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Walz is truly a model of civic and community engagement; she has been a PTA leader, President of the Garden Club, and a committed member of the Civilian Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Walz grew up in Queens, New York, and married her husband, the late Charles Walz, in 1955; she moved to Valley Stream in 1965; and

WHEREAS, She began volunteering in the late 1960s, when her oldest son entered Clear Stream Avenue School; she served as PTA president there for two years, as the Central/Memorial PTSA president for another two, and then led the Valley Stream Council of PTAs, a collaboration of units from all the community's public schools, for two separate two-year stints; she also advocated for children with special needs, co-creating the Special Education Parent Teacher Association; and

WHEREAS, This impressive but humble woman has, for 14 years, been an active member of the Valley Stream Civilian Patrol, a neighborhood watch organization in which members patrol the village as well as North and South Valley Stream in their own vehicles; she is currently secretary of the organization, in addition to serving as its "base," communicating with other members who are out on the road; and

WHEREAS, As President of the Garden Club, Dorothy Walz worked assiduously for the beautification of her community; among her notable efforts, she and her fellow Garden Club members planted an herb garden outside the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration which serves as a local history museum maintained by the Valley Stream Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Walz is widely admired throughout her community for her hard work, versatility, prodigious leadership abilities, extreme competence, responsiveness to the needs of her neighbors, and genuine concern for the wellbeing of all; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dorothy Walz has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her sons, Charles and Alan, and her grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dorothy Walz has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dorothy Walz upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the VALLEY STREAM HERALD; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dorothy Walz.