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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry founded in 1976, by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda; its mission is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1984, Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International; and

WHEREAS, The Madison County chapter began its life as Cazenovia Area Habitat for Humanity; they merged with the Hamilton affiliate in 2007, to become Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity and with this change came a commitment to a larger community base; and

WHEREAS, Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses with the help of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials; homes are then sold to a qualifying family with Habitat for Humanity arranging for an interest free mortgage; and

WHEREAS, Homeowners are selected based on their level of need, their

willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the loan; neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing the families who receive Habitat houses; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate 30 years as a Habitat affiliate, Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity has set a goal to construct two houses in the Village of Chittenango in 2014; and

WHEREAS, While committee building, raising funds, planning and building for habitat families, the organization will continue its Brush with Kindness Program which provides smaller scale repair projects to homes of families in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations and individuals 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Madison County New York Habitat for Humanity.