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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harry and Ann Burt upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Citizens of the Year by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce on April 24, 2014

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, Harry and Ann Burt have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harry and Ann Burt upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Citizens of the Year by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's 2014 Citizens of the Year Dinner on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Harry and Ann Burt have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Harry and Ann Burt have been instrumental in the growth and expansion of Happiness House, an educational, residential, health and human service organization that provides the highest quality programs and services for children and adults with disabilities and their families in Ontario, Seneca, Yates and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, Icons within their community, Harry and Ann Burt have made countless and significant contributions to the Finger Lakes Region and have given of their time and talents to the arts, youth and community development, education, healthcare and are strong advocates for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Ann Burt received Happiness House's Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award in recognition of her faithful service to the Board for three decades; she also served on the compliance and incident review committees and is a retired Nursing Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Harry Burt serves on the Town of Geneva's Zoning and Planning Board and on the Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) Foundation Board of Directors; in 2012, FLCC recognized him with The Donald M. Mawhinney Trustee Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Harry Burt served as a member of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, as well as past president and honorary member of the Clifton Springs Rotary Club which named him a Paul Harris Fellow in 1994; he retired from the esteemed position of President of Ontario National Bank in 1995; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three loving children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Harry and Ann Burt have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Harry and Ann Burt have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Harry and Ann Burt upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Citi-

zens of the Year by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Harry and Ann Burt.