

## 2013-J4570

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephanie Blythe upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello Central School District's inaugural Hall of Distinction on November 3, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephanie Blythe upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello Central School District's inaugural Hall of Distinction celebrated at a ceremony held in the school's Arnold Packer Hughes Auditorium on Sunday, November 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Hall of Distinction was established in 2012 by the Board of Education to honor graduates or attendees, or former teachers or staff members who have made a lasting and outstanding contribution to society upon graduating or leaving the Monticello Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Blythe is a graduate of Monticello Central School, Class of 1987; and

WHEREAS, Described as a singer of extraordinary versatility, Mezzo Soprano Stephanie Blythe began her professional singing career with the Metropolitan Opera in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Blythe has toured internationally with the Metropolitan Opera Company and made her Lincoln Center debut in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Signed to the Virgin Classics record label, Stephanie Blythe has performed with renowned opera companies throughout the world and most recently made her solo debut at Carnegie Hall in March of 2013,

where she performed the works of Samuel Barber and James Legg, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Ray Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Stephanie Blythe has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those 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 honor Stephanie Blythe upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello Central School District's inaugural Hall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephanie Blythe.