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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sonia Pressman Fuentes 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 Sonia Pressman Fuentes 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, Sonia Pressman Fuentes is a graduate of Monticello Central School, Class of 1946; and

WHEREAS, She is was one of 49 founders of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and is one of nine surviving founders; in addition, she was a founder of Federally Employed Women (FEW) and a charter member of the Veteran Feminists of America; and

WHEREAS, One of the longest-serving members of the board of trustees of the National Woman's Party (NWP), Sonia Pressman Fuentes was the first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); and

WHEREAS, Currently residing in Sarasota, Florida, Sonia Pressman

Fuentes is a published author and public speaker; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sonia Pressman Fuentes 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 Sonia Pressman Fuentes 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 Sonia Pressman Fuentes.