

## 2013-J4739

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chet and Donna French upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Good Neighbor Award by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and  
WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chet and Donna French upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Good Neighbor Award by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce, celebrated at its annual dinner on Sunday, April 27, 2014, at the Unadilla United Methodist Church, Unadilla, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chet and Donna French are known for their generosity, kindness and constant willingness to help their neighbors; they are always among the first to respond to a need in their community; and

WHEREAS, Chet French retired from the Unadilla Village Department of Public Works in 2005, and now devotes much of his time to helping others; he has been a member of the Unadilla Fire Department for 40 years, and is a past member of the department's emergency squad; and

WHEREAS, After the disastrous flooding in 2005 and 2011, this esteemed man was among the volunteers who worked hard, pumping out cellars and helping with general clean up in the village; and

WHEREAS, Always ready to help a neighbor, Chet French recently built an access ramp for a gentleman who required easier access to his home; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable is Donna French, a 38-year member of the Unadilla Fire Department women's auxiliary, who has served as group president for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, A former school aide and a present clerk of the Town of Unadilla, Donna French was among the volunteers who assisted her community after the floods; in addition; she is known for her work lovingly helping the elderly in her town; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman embodies the spirit of helping people whenever possible without the expectation of anything in return; 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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Chet and Donna French and to wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chet and Donna French upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Good Neighbor Award by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chet and Donna French.