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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alice McConnell upon the occasion of being selected as the Ontario County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alice McConnell upon the occasion of being selected as the Ontario County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at the New York State Office for the Aging's 2014 Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May in the State of New York and across the Nation, during National Older Americans Month, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, members of the older generation have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Alice McConnell, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of her family and friends through her love and respect for others, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Pittsford, New York, Alice McConnell moved

to Bloomfield, New York of Ontario County in 1946; she worked for the local school district in the cafeteria for 24 years and as a bus driver for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, The proud mother of three children, Linda, Larry and the late Lloyd, Alice McConnell is the loving grandmother to four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Alice McConnell has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer and truly dedicated to her community, Alice McConnell has volunteered almost all of her adult life; she began when her children were young as a volunteer with the Fresh Air Fund, an organization with which she served for 25 years and was a local chairman for 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Alice McConnell's volunteer work at Thompson Hospital began when her mother was in the nursing home; at 77 years old, she continues to this day working in the gift shop and transporting patients around the hospital; she also assists individuals at Thompson's continuing care facility by taking them grocery shopping; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Alice McConnell has been a home delivered meals volunteer with Ontario County Office for the Aging for the past eight years; she serves on the Ontario County Office for the Aging Advisory Council, volunteers for her church and is the President of the East Bloomfield Senior Citizens group; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Alice McConnell has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recog-

nize and commend those who have witnessed and contributed to the developments and achievements of our Nation, State, and communities over the course of their noteworthy lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alice McConnell upon the occasion of being selected as the Ontario County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alice McConnell.