

2013-J4804

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph and Sandra Zecchino upon the occasion of their retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the Greece Choral Society

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the education, entertainment and cultural enrichment of their community and enhanced the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor

Ralph and Sandra Zecchino upon the occasion of their retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the Greece Choral Society; and

WHEREAS, For the past 44 years, Ralph and Sandra "Sandy" Zecchino have rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Greece Choral Society, enlivening their community of Greece, New York, and beyond with beautiful choir music; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Zecchino, a well-known and highly respected music educator, organized the founding of the Greece Choral Society in 1970, as part of the Greece Central School District's Continuing Education Program; he has served continuously as the group's director ever since; and

WHEREAS, Three years later, Sandy Zecchino assumed the duties of piano accompanist, a role in which she would perform admirably over the next four decades; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of this remarkable couple, the Greece Choral Society has convened every Monday night for 44 years; the society is made up of more than 100 singers who join together to practice for the five concerts they perform each year; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Greater Rochester Choral Consortium, the

Greece Choral Society performs major classical works, folk music and spirituals, as well as Broadway show tunes; the majority of their concerts are held at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Under Ralph and Sandy Zecchino's luminous direction, the Greece Choral Society has had the opportunity to perform at numerous important functions such as the 50th Anniversary observation marking the end of World War II in Normandy, France; it also performed at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, in Ireland and at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all of those with whom they have worked, Ralph and Sandy Zecchino will be remembered for their excellent musicianship and outstanding commitment to bringing a wide variety of choral music to their community; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ralph and Sandra Zecchino, and to wish them continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph and Sandra Zecchino.