

## 2013-K1159

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lucy Schmolka upon the occasion of being selected as Westchester County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year

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 Lucy Schmolka upon the occasion of being selected as Westchester County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year in recognition of her outstanding contributions to her community through her valuable and much appreciated volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Schmolka and her family have lived in Westchester County since 1971; she enjoyed a successful career which focused on health/community, and has always been a passionate volunteer, generously dedicating her time as Scarsdale PTA President, member of the Village Advisory Board and League of Women Voters, and President of White Plains Hospital-Scarsdale Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Schmolka has made extraordinary contributions to the Westchester Community as Coordinator of the Ambassador Program at White Plains Hospital; she helped to establish the program in 2005, spending countless hours and many months of planning to ensure a smooth and successful program launch, and has led ever since; the program's volunteers facilitate individuals' access to health care, escorting people to their destination, listening, problem-solving, and easing the stress of hospital visits; the program began with eight volunteers and under Lucy Schmolka's outstanding leadership, it has grown to 47 volunteers contributing over 31,000 hours of caring service; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Schmolka is currently a Board member of White Plains

Hospital and Blythedale Children's Hospital, and a past member of the Advisory Board Westchester County Office for Women and the Women's Enterprise Development Center; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Lucy Schmolka's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lucy Schmolka upon the occasion of being selected as Westchester County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lucy Schmolka.