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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Donald E. DuBois upon the occasion of being selected as the New York State 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 Donald E. DuBois upon the occasion of being selected as the New York State 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his community through his valuable and much appreciated volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Donald E. DuBois has lived in Shokan, New York, for 95 of his 100 years of life; he graduated from Kingston High School in 1936, and worked at De Laval Separator Works in Poughkeepsie, New York, from 1942 until his retirement in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Through his worthy life, he has been devoted to his family of three children, John, Laurie, and Lana, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren in addition to his beloved wife, Bessie, who passed away in 2012 after 73 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Donald and his wife, Bessie, also housed and cared for many foster children in their time together; and

WHEREAS, Donald E. DuBois built a machine shop for himself after he retired, and his shop is the site of much of his community service; this accomplished man volunteers for the internationally known PET Mobility Project, cutting lumber for the construction of "Personal Energy Transportation" vehicles for individuals in Third World countries who cannot walk due to disease, bombs, accidents, or birth defects; and

WHEREAS, Donald holds three patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office for his unique ideas and inventions; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Donald E. DuBois is a member of Reservoir United Methodist Church in Shokan; he has devoted himself to the church his entire life, and has taught Sunday School and led Bible study since he was 20 years old; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, he loves to write and has published four books filled with essays, poetry, homilies, limericks, and observations on life; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Donald E. DuBois'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 Donald E. DuBois upon the occasion of being selected as the New York State 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donald E. DuBois.