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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard and Eunice Tabor upon the occasion of being selected as the Tompkins County 2014 Senior Citizens 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 Richard and Eunice Tabor upon the occasion of being selected as the Tompkins County 2014 Senior Citizens 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, Richard and Eunice Tabor, a very active and industrious couple, have inspired and enriched the lives of their family and friends through their love and respect for others, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Ithaca, New York, Richard and Eunice Tabor are

native to upstate New York, Eunice, from Watertown, and Richard, from Cooperstown; the couple met while attending SUNY Geneseo and will celebrate their Golden Anniversary this June; and

WHEREAS, Richard Tabor spent the majority of his career as an elementary school teacher at Marcellus Central School; Eunice attended seminary at age 52, becoming a United Methodist Pastor and serving in Madrid, Massena and Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard and Eunice Tabor have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Steadfast volunteers for seven years, Richard and Eunice Tabor have shared their energies with the community since arriving in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Richard Tabor created a new and inviting place with new bookcases and furniture for children to experience literacy at the Ithaca Youth Bureau; his efforts include grant writing for the purchase of new books, organizing, cataloguing, and weekly oversight of the program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard has volunteered at Tompkins County Public Library and the Friends of TCPL Book Sale; at Loaves and Fishes, a free community meal, he has also provided hospitality and advocacy for the less fortunate within the community; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Tabor has led Bible Study and worship services at Longview Senior Housing for six years; she is a member of St. Paul's choir and hosts a card making workshop creating valentines for those who are home-bound; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she provides grief counseling and comfort care to many individuals in need of support during difficult times; together

with her husband, the Tabor's volunteer at the Rescue Mission's Court Street Place, Emergency Shelter and Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Richard and Eunice Tabor have stood

constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Richard and Eunice Tabor have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their four loving children and seven beautiful grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize 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 Richard and Eunice Tabor upon the occasion of being selected as the Tompkins County 2014 Senior Citizens of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard and Eunice Tabor.