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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Kathleen Heffron upon the occasion of being selected as the Cortland 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 Sister Kathleen Heffron upon the occasion of being selected as the Cortland 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, Kathleen Heffron, 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, Sister Kathleen Heffron moved to Schenectady, New York from

Pennsylvania with her family in 1947 and took her vows as a Sister of St. Joseph in 1961; she worked as a teacher, principal, and later served as a Director of Religious Education in a Broome County Parish until 1987; and

WHEREAS, Dearly loved by the communities she serves, Sister Kathleen Heffron, a resident of Cincinnatus, is recognized as a woman who will stop at nothing to help someone in need; and

WHEREAS, Sister Kathleen Heffron is one of three nuns who, in 1987, founded the Cortland-Chenango Rural Services in Cincinnatus, New York; the organization brings programs and resources to people of all ages who are challenged with barriers to services such as transportation, disability and poverty; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rural Services is a place where people have access to assistance with clothing and food needs, medical costs and transportation, mobile mammography, family counseling and the farmer's market; and

WHEREAS, Sister Kathleen Heffron 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, Truly dedicated to her community, Sister Kathleen Heffron is a steadfast and tireless volunteer whose dedication to others has benefited the community of Cincinnatus and the surrounding areas for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sister Kathleen Heffron 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 Sister Kathleen Heffron has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and commend those who have witnessed and contributed to the devel-

opments 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 Sister Kathleen Heffron upon the occasion of being selected as the Cortland 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 Sister Kathleen Heffron.