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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peg Shafer upon the occasion of being selected as the Delaware 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 Peg Shafer upon the occasion of being selected as the Delaware County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year; this momentous occasion was 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, Peg Shafer, 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, A resident of Delaware County since 1999, Peg Shafer was born

in Conway, Arkansas in 1938; she attended Rhinebeck High School and in 1956, she married Raymond Shook; and

WHEREAS, Peg Shafer 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, A steadfast volunteer for many years, Peg Shafer is a life-time member of the VFW in Poughkeepsie and has served on the East Fishkill Rescue Squad and as a Brownie Scout Leader while raising her children; and

WHEREAS, Peg Shafer began attending the social adult day center, Our Place, in 2012 where she has made several great friends who have encouraged her to be active within the community; she now attends the New Hope Community Church where she became a member and was baptized in July of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she volunteers at many of the Church functions such as the Soup Kitchen, the Pancake Tent at the Delaware County Fair, and is involved in a Bible Study group known as Life Group; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Peg Shafer 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 Peg Shafer has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Raymond, with her throughout have been her six daughters, Carla, Linda, Diane, Nancy, Donna, and Terri, and one son, Raymond, as well as 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her 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 Peg Shafer upon the occasion of being selected as the Delaware 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 Peg Shafer.