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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arthur Viele upon the occasion of being selected as Sullivan 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 Arthur Viele upon the occasion of being selected as Sullivan County's 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, As Sullivan County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year, Arthur Viele will participate in the Annual New York State Senior Citizens Day Luncheon hosted by the State Office for the Aging (SOFA) at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Viele and his wife of 53 years, Barbara, have lived in Liberty, New York, for 52 years, and he is devoted to his son and daughter, as well as his seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom reside in Sullivan County; a member of the Happy Footers Square Dancers' Club since 1973, he also enjoys fishing, gardening, and hunting; and

WHEREAS, Art Viele has been an RSVP Medical Driver for more than seven years, logging an impressive 2400 hours of service; in addition, he has been a member of the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum for more than 22 years, and served as its Director for more than 11 years; his involvement with the Society allows him to share his love of Sullivan County with others, helping to educate people on its rich legacy and

history; and

WHEREAS, Many Sullivan County organizations have benefitted from Arthur Viele's generous donations of time and attention, including the Liberty Fire Department, the Liberty Patrolmen's Benefit Association's Children Baseball Team, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scout Pack No. 95, Liberty Lyon's Club and Sullivan Renaissance; this selfless man is currently focused on his role as Treasurer of the Longbeards of Sullivan County where he helps to instill in youth a love of all things outdoor, which goes well beyond hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Arthur Viele'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 deliberation to honor Arthur Viele upon the occasion of being selected as Sullivan County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arthur Viele.