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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gail Dewey upon the occasion of being selected as Washington 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 Gail Dewey upon the occasion of being selected as Washington County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year in recognition of her outstanding contributions to her community through her valuable and much appreciated volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, As Washington County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year, Gail Dewey 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, Gail Dewey, known affectionately as "Mrs. Greenwich," was born and raised in Washington County, and currently lives in Greenwich, New York; a graduate of Greenwich Central School, she started work as a secretary for the school the day after her graduation, and retired from that position in 1999, after 40 years of dedicated service; she also worked for Rascher Real Estate for six years; and

WHEREAS, Gail Dewey is a loyal and dedicated volunteer transportation dispatcher for the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP)/VAN GO program in Greenwich; in this capacity she coordinates medical and disabled transportation services for seniors with volunteer drivers; and

WHEREAS, A friend to all with whom she comes into contact, this compassionate woman goes above and beyond her duties by taking phone

calls from seniors with their "everyday problems" and keeping track of their welfare, checking to see if individuals are taking their medications, reminding individuals of their appointments, and making sure they are safe at home; in addition, Gail Dewey assists seniors with Tuesday morning grocery shopping trips; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Gail Dewey's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gail Dewey upon the occasion of being selected as Washington County's 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Dewey.