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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rebecca Ferris upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year by the Oneida County Office for Aging and Continuing Care

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 Rebecca Ferris upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year by the Oneida County Office for Aging and Continuing Care; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the Roselawn Banquet Hall, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Oneida County Office for Aging and Continuing Care pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens; Rebecca Ferris is being recognized for her outstanding contributions as an Oneida County Senior Citizen; and

WHEREAS, 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, Rebecca Ferris, 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 New York State since 1969, Rebecca Ferris currently resides in Remsen, New York; she is a retired school teacher

as well as the proud mother of six children and loving grandmother of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ferris 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 and dedicated community volunteer, Rebecca Ferris has served as a Hospice Palliative Care volunteer for 12 years, four years of which she served as Development Council President and as a member of the Hospice Palliative Care Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In her role as Council President, Rebecca Ferris led a dedicated group of individuals who were devoted to raising funds to support Hospice's mission; she has cared for dying patients in their homes, and supported their bereaved; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her volunteer work at Hospice and Palliative Care, Rebecca Ferris gives of her time and energies to the Hope House Food Pantry; she has also served on the Board of the Foothills Rural Community Ministry and Food Pantry, as well as Herkimer BOCES; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ferris is the past President of the Board of the Unity Hall Foundation, and currently serves as President of the Barneveld Free Library; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rebecca Ferris 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 Rebecca Ferris 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 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 Rebecca Ferris upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida County 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year by the Oneida County Office for Aging and Continuing Care; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rebecca Ferris.