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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kenneth and Enola Dickson upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida County 2014 Senior Citizens 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 Kenneth and Enola Dickson upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida County 2014 Senior Citizens 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; Kenneth and Enola Dickson are being recognized for their outstanding contributions as an Oneida County Couple; 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, Kenneth and Enola Dickson, residents of Clinton, New York, have been married for more than 60 years, and are the proud parents of two sons along with grandchildren; Enola, a retired nurse, was employed with Oneida County BOCES as a Psychologist, and Kenneth retired as an Engineer from General Electric; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Enola Dickson have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Steadfast and dedicated community volunteers, Kenneth and Enola Dickson are active members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church where they participate in the refugee ministry and deliver flowers to church members who are unable to attend church services; Enola has taught Sunday School and was a Church Historian; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, with the help of other volunteers, Enola Dickson formed Serendipity Group; the group was established for mental health patients in an effort to provide support in teaching daily living skills and socialization to patients; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Kenneth and Enola Dickson have been volunteering at Presbyterian Homes and Services for CNY; Kenneth, who began as a driver to bring residents to appointments and social outings, currently provides wheelchair transports; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Enola Dickson has been instrumental in fundraising for Desserts at Dusk, and volunteers in the gift shop; the couple was recently recognized as Loyal Donors for the Presbyterian Homes Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back to their community and truly making a difference, Kenneth and Enola Dickson give of their time and energies each Thanksgiving by preparing and serving meals at the Rescue Mission; they have also volunteered for Hospice, Meals on Wheels, and have sat on various civic community boards; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kenneth and Enola Dickson have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Kenneth and Enola Dickson have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Kenneth and Enola Dickson upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida County 2014 Senior Citizens of the Year by the Oneida County Office for Aging and Continuing Care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenneth and Enola Dickson.