

## 2013-J5603

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Willa Skinner upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service as Town Historian to the Town of Fishkill

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Willa Skinner upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service as Town Historian to the Town of Fishkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Willa Skinner was originally appointed as Town Historian in 1964 under the leadership of Supervisor Herbert Muller; and

WHEREAS, For nearly half a century, Willa Skinner rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the Town of Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, Before becoming Town Historian, Willa Skinner attended New York University in New York, New York, and graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism; and

WHEREAS, Willa Skinner pursued a career as a freelance writer and editor, publishing articles in ALIVE MAGAZINE, HUDSON VALLEY, GOOD READING MAGAZINE, DUTCHESS MAGAZINE, and WOMAN'S DAY from 1974 through 1990; and

WHEREAS, She reported on local news events, including school events, local board meetings, including the communities of the Village of Fishkill and the City of Beacon, publishing these articles in the WAPPINGER FALLS SHOPPER and SOUTHERN DUTCHESS NEWS; and

WHEREAS, As Town of Fishkill Historian, Willa Skinner was an invaluable resource for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, During her outstanding tenure with the Town of Fishkill, Willa Skinner earned the admiration, esteem and affection of all whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Willa Skinner upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service as Town Historian to the Town of Fishkill; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Willa Skinner.