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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Shirley Luck upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Liberty Bell Award from the Fulton County Bar Association

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, are reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Shirley Luck upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Liberty Bell Award from the Fulton County Bar Association to be celebrated on Friday, May 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell Award, given each year on Law Day, which is May 1st, by local bar associations, honors exemplary citizens within the local community; the award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who volunteers their time and efforts to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, A native of Amsterdam, New York, Shirley Luck has dedicated her life to improving the lives of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Luck was appointed Director of the newly formed Senior Citizens Club of Johnstown, New York, in 1966; under her leadership, the organization expanded its operations from one day a week to five, and became a department of the city; in addition, its membership grew from 20 to 1,383 members; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Shirley Luck has developed numerous programs for the benefit of the senior citizen community including counseling and referral services, assistance to the homebound, legal services, and social events; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, this esteemed woman served as advisory planner and coordinator for the new Senior Center, the first city building with a solar heating system; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Luck was also selected by the New York State Office of the Aging in 1983, to represent the Dwight D. Eisenhower People to People International Organization on a goodwill mission to the People's Republic of China and Japan; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for important issues affecting the elderly, Shirley Luck has led seniors to voice their support for the continuance of vital local services; she has also spearheaded the development of a social adult day care in Fulton County; after many years of distinguished service, she officially retired in 1992; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her tremendous efforts, the City of Johnstown named the Senior Citizen Center in honor of Shirley Luck in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Luck has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is affiliated with such organizations as the New York State Council on the Aging, the Mohawk Hudson Leadership Council, the Capital District Association of Providers of Aging Services, the Fulton County Social Workers Association, and the Fulton County Office for the Aging Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Shirley and her first husband, Robert Luck, together were the proud parents of Michael, Neil, Margaret, Corinne, and Cheryl; today, she is married to Maidwyn Hughes whom she met after visiting Wales; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of

the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Shirley Luck upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Liberty Bell Award from the Fulton County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shirley Luck.