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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edward Stabler upon the occasion of his selection as 2015 Onondaga County Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging

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 Edward Stabler upon the occasion of his selection as 2015 Onondaga County Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations 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, Edward "Ed" Stabler is an emeritus faculty member at Syracuse University, where he teaches Electrical and Computer Engineering; and WHEREAS, This esteemed educator has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A committed volunteer for over three decades, Edward Stabler's community service includes visiting inmates in Auburn Prison, and assisting adults with developmental disabilities; he has also been a dedicated literacy volunteer since 1997, and currently contributes his time and energies to the Contact Hotline Service; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, since 2011, Edward Stabler has served as a Hospice Volunteer Family Caregiver, displaying a deep sense of caring and responsibility while helping families with end-of-life care; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Edward Stabler 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 Edward Stabler has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been wife, Helen, and his four children, as well as six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Edward Stabler, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Edward Stabler upon the occasion of being selected as the Onondaga County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Edward Stabler.