

## 2015-J2499

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Elizabeth Sonneborn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Albany Institute of History & Art

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Elizabeth Sonneborn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition for over 50 years of dedicated service to the Albany Institute of History & Art, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the home of Mr. Tony and Mrs. Denise Gorman; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is one of the oldest museums in the United States, and remains committed to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and promoting the history of Albany, New York, and the Upper Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Institute of History & Art achieves this mission through its collections, exhibitions, educational programs, library, research projects, publications, and other programs offered to the general public; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event honors Elizabeth "Betty" Sonneborn for her avid support of arts institutions throughout Albany; since the 1950s, she has been both a vital member and a dedicated volunteer of the Albany Institute of History & Art; and

WHEREAS, A talented Artist, Betty Sonneborn has generously donated the profits of the sales of her legendary pen and ink drawings of local homes to the Albany Institute of History & Art for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional service, a period of constructive involvement, Betty Sonneborn has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her neighbors, family and friends; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Elizabeth Sonneborn upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Albany Institute of History & Art; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Sonneborn.