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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Valma Eisma upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Town of Goshen, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Valma Eisma upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 26 years of distinguished service to the Town of Goshen, New York; she officially retired on Friday, December 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born in Maybrook, New York, Valma "Val" Eisma grew up in Goshen alongside her parents and 10 siblings; her family owned the former Miller's Restaurant on Main Street which she ran for a short time; and

WHEREAS, As a young woman, Valma Eisma worked in a variety of fields including a teacher's aide in the Goshen High School Math Department; a teller at Key Bank; and a receptionist at Inspire, the C.P. Center; as well as a real estate agent for Joseph Green Realtors; and

WHEREAS, For the past 26 years, Valma Eisma has ably served her community as a public servant at the Goshen Town Hall, occupying such important roles as Secretary to the Planning Board and Recreation Commission, and Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, for the past 12 years, Valma Eisma has held the position of Goshen Town Clerk, where she has been at the forefront of responding to the ever-changing needs and priorities of the citizens of her community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious tenure, Valma Eisma has expertly fulfilled the various wide-ranging responsibilities of her office while displaying the tremendous kindness and humility which is her hallmark; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Valma Eisma was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; earning her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children, and three grandsons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when civic leaders of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Valma Eisma upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Town of Goshen, New York, and to wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Valma Eisma.