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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chris Kasprzak upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Senior Citizens Day Honoree by the New York State Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the senior citizens of the Empire State who, as they reach the fullness of years, continue to be active and vital participants in the life of their community; and

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers bring their special wisdom, experience and enthusiasm to countless endeavors, helping to shape and strengthen the character of our communities and the quality of our lives; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Chris Kasprzak upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Senior Citizens Day Honoree by the New York State Office for the Aging; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens from counties

across the State; Chris Kasprzak is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to Erie County during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of the older generation 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, Chris Kasprzak is a vibrant part of the Town of Cheektowaga's Senior Center where she is known as the energizer bunny; and

WHEREAS, For over five years, Chris Kasprzak has been involved with

the Senior Center and organizes the congregate dining site; she continues her work even after the meal has been served; and

WHEREAS, Chris Kasprzak never stops thinking about the seniors at the Senior Center, and is always filling in where there is a need, never having to be asked to help; she is a cheerleader and advocate for the seniors believing that participants and volunteers need to feel welcome and important; and

WHEREAS, Chris Kasprzak is a vibrant example of an older adult and someone that lives by the idea that to stay young you have to stay active and be involved; she tries to encourage the seniors to live by the same thought by encouraging participation and fun through her vivacious personality and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from the United States Postal Service, Chris Kasprzak was not sure what was next for her until she became involved in the Senior Center; she feels that the Senior Center has helped her even more than she has helped it, and believes in making it a place where participants are welcomed and treated like family; and

WHEREAS, Chris Kasprzak has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back to the community and truly making a difference, Chris Kasprzak also has given of her time and energy by volunteering at Saint Philips School in West Seneca, New York, and at several other West Seneca Schools; and

WHEREAS, Chris Kasprzak is the proud mother of one son and the loving grandmother of two grandchildren; she is a former long term employee for Chudy Paper Company in Cheektowaga, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Chris Kasprzak has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Chris Kasprzak has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and commend those who have witnessed and contributed to the developments and achievements of our Nation, State, and communities over the course of their noteworthy lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Chris Kasprzak upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Senior Citizens Day Honoree by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chris Kasprzak.