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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring R. Murray Suggitt upon the occasion of being named Senior of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

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 R. Murray Suggitt upon the occasion of being named Senior of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 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, This esteemed man 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, Twenty-one years ago, R. Murray Suggitt retired from Texaco and started a new career as Director of the Fishkill Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, Under R. Murray Suggitt's leadership, the Food Pantry grew from a small operation in a basement to an organization which operates

out of its own building with 40 staff members; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping others, R. Murray Suggitt spends each day at the Food Pantry and pitches in to help with whatever is needed, from community outreach to manual labor; and

WHEREAS, Almost 90 years old, R. Murray Suggitt will be stepping down as Director of the Food Pantry and handing over the reins to others who have been inspired by his humble, dedicated example; and

WHEREAS, R. Murray Suggitt has been married for 56 years and is the proud parent of three successful children; he attends Fishkill Reformed Church where he is a member of the Choir and serves on the Investment Committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, R. Murray Suggitt 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 R. Murray Suggitt has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, R. Murray Suggitt, 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 R. Murray Suggitt upon the occasion of being named Senior of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to R. Murray Suggitt.