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Senate Resolution No. 283

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMENDING Rose Blackwell upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service as City Clerk of Corning, 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, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rose Blackwell upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service as City Clerk of Corning, New York; she will officially retire from this esteemed position on January 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Rose Blackwell began her career as Corning City Clerk in 1984, when she was appointed by former Mayor Daniel Killigrew; throughout her illustrious tenure she has served under eight Mayors; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role as City Clerk, Rose Blackwell serves as Records Management and Records Access Officer for the City of Corning, as well as Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Rose Blackwell received the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in 1994, following the successful completion of required training at Syracuse University, Maxwell School; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Rose Blackwell has remained a member of the New York State Village and City Clerks Association, the Steuben County Village and City Clerks Association, and the Steuben County Town Clerks Association since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she is past president of the Auxiliary of Corning Hospital and currently serves on the City of Corning Public Arts Committee; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2014, Rose Blackwell was awarded the designation of Registered Municipal Clerk by the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks; and

WHEREAS, A woman of true integrity, Rose Blackwell leads by example; she has served the City of Corning with distinction, enthusiasm, dedication and honor, and has overseen countless initiatives that have made her community a better and stronger place to live; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Rose Blackwell rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of Corning, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Rose Blackwell over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Warren, her children, Nathan, Jonathan and Michelle, and her step-children, Kathy and Joseph, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rose Blackwell upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service as City Clerk of Corning, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rose Blackwell.