

2009-K1089

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Anna Marie Lusins-McLachlan upon the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of distinguished service on the Oneonta Town Board

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Anna Marie Lusins-McLachlan upon the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of distinguished service on the Oneonta Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Born in Yonkers, New York, Anna Marie Lusins graduated from Charles E. Gorton High School; she later attended a three-year program in advertising at the Pratt/Phoenix School of Design; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Lusins was employed in advertising design in the New York area and later developed her talent in sculpture, children's illustration and medical illustration; for a number of years, she exhibited her artwork nationally as well as throughout the metropolitan New York area winning numerous awards; her work is in private collections and corporate museums; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her husband John, Anna Marie Lusins has lived in the Town of Oneonta for the past 23 years; in 1977, her daughter Noelle was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age eight and later died in September of 2001; as a result of Anna Marie Lusins's direct care for her daughter, she began a lifelong advocacy for mentally and physically challenged children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Lusins served as president of the Otsego County ARC from 1995-1997, and currently serves on the surrogate decision making committee; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Lusins served as councilwoman for the Town of

Oneonta for five terms; she served as the president of the New York State Association of Town and Townships which serves 932 towns and townships across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Since 1983, Anna Marie Lusins has been the owner/operator of Glenwood Farms, an equestrian facility; in July of 2003, she launched a new business endeavor, "Flying Changes Bed and Breakfast"; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Lusins received the Community Services Award for the establishment of a county food bank, "Community Connections," from Opportunities for Otsego, a non-profit organization; the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Marie with the "Excellence in Community Service" Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, A member of the board of directors of the Fox Hospital Foundation Board and the Oneonta Free Clinic, Anna Marie Lusins was a member of the Fairfield County Hounds in Fairfield, Connecticut; she was also affiliated with the Old Chatham Hunt for 20 years and served as field master, and was also on the board of directors for OCH; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, while attending a high school reunion, Anna Marie Lusins met a former classmate, W. Richard McLachlan, a widower; they were married on September 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Anna Marie Lusins is the proud parent of four children, Gillian, Carl, John and Matthew, and is also the grandmother of Alex and Catherine; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable Anna Marie Lusins-McLachlan upon the occasion of

her retirement after 20 years of distinguished service on the Oneonta Town Board, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Marie Lusins-McLachlan.