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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Judge Josephine Finn upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello Central School District Hall of Distinction on November 2, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Judge Josephine Finn upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello Central School District Hall of Distinction, to be celebrated at its 2nd Annual Induction Ceremony on Sunday, November 2, 2014, at the Arnold Packer Hughes Auditorium, Monticello High School, Monticello, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Hall of Distinction was established in 2012 by the Board of Education to honor highly successful graduates, former students and former employees who have achieved distinction, outstanding accomplishment, or have made a significant contribution within their school, family, career, community and/or personal life; and

WHEREAS, Judge Josephine Finn is a Monticello Alumna, Class of 1968; elected into the New York State Board of Regents in March of 2014, she has recently been designated to her fourth term as Village Judge for the Village of Monticello; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for children and education, Judge Josephine Finn spearheaded Creative Think Tank, Inc., a youth organization designed to help keep at-risk youth out of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, A tenured Associate Professor at Sullivan County Community

College for 13 years, Judge Josephine Finn has also served on the school's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Judge Josephine Finn has been the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include the Frederick Douglass Award from the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, the Business and Professional Women's Community Service Awards, as well as the Every Day Hero Award from Kiwanis International, Monticello chapter; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Judge Josephine Finn has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Judge Josephine Finn upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello Central School District Hall of Distinction on November 2, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Judge Josephine Finn.