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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gene D. Block upon the occasion of his 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 Gene D. Block upon the occasion of his 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, An esteemed biologist, academic and inventor, Gene D. Block is an Alumnus of Monticello High School, Class of 1966; he currently serves as Chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Well known in the scientific community, Gene D. Block has been the recipient of numerous scientific awards and accolades, and was the first to demonstrate that single retinal neurons can function as circadian (24 hour) clocks; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, his most recent research is focused on the effects of aging on the Suprachiasmatic Nucleus, the brain region containing the primary mammalian biological clock; and

WHEREAS, Also known for his inventions, Gene D. Block has created a non-contact respiratory monitor for the prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gene D. Block has displayed throughout his 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 Gene D. Block upon the occasion of his 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 Gene D. Block.