

## 2015-J59

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joan Rhulen Farrow 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 Joan Rhulen Farrow 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, Joan Rhulen Farrow is a Monticello Alumna, Class of 1946; a successful businesswoman, philanthropist and benefactor for many decades, she was instrumental in building her family's business, the Rhulen Agency, into the 19th largest privately owned insurance agency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Among a small percentage of female Americans to be confirmed and designated as an Underwriting Name at Lloyds of London, Joan Rhulen Farrow helped found the Community Bank of Sullivan County, known as Catskill Hudson Bank, where she served as Board Chairman for many years;

and

WHEREAS, Joan Rhulen Farrow's decades of community service include more 20 years as a Trustee/Board of Director of Catskill Regional Medical Center; she currently serves as Director of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System, a merger of the Catskill and Orange County Regional Medical Centers; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Joan Rhulen Farrow is the long-standing President of the Catskill Regional Medical Center Foundation, the fundraising arm of the hospital; she also served as Trustee/Board Member of Sullivan County Community College, where a building and the board room were named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Joan Rhulen Farrow is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades some of which include the Americanism Award of the Anti-Defamation League, and Catskill Mountain Business Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joan Rhulen Farrow 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 Joan Rhulen Farrow 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 Joan Rhulen Farrow.