

## 2015-K441

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Donald Combes upon the occasion of his selection as the Wayne County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Donald Combes upon the occasion of his selection as the Wayne County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Wayne County, Donald Combes worked for eight years at L.M. Berry, holding the titles of Artist, Assistant Art Director and then Art Director; after furthering his education, he attained a position with the Wayne County Department of Aging and Youth, a role he has held for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has

always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A committed volunteer for over three decades, Donald Combes has devoted his life to the Newark community; for a brief time, he volunteered at the Jewish Nursing Home in Rochester, New York, and served as an Ombudsman for three years; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Donald Combes is a vital member of the Arcadia Historical Society, and participates in the Annual C.R.O.P. Walk; and

WHEREAS, Truly dedicated to his church, Donald Combes sings in the choir and serves as the Church Historian; in addition, he is a member of the men's group which helps seniors with repairs, lawn work, and other chores on Saturday mornings; and

WHEREAS, Donald Combes belongs to the Wayne Drumlin Antique Car Club, and loves to take friends for rides in his antique cars; he also enjoys visiting people in the area hospital and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Donald Combes has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Donald Combes has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Donald Combes, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Donald Combes upon the occasion of being selected as the Wayne County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donald Combes.