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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joanne Gardner upon the occasion of her selection as the Oswego 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 Joanne Gardner upon the occasion of her selection as the Oswego 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 Oswego County, Joanne Gardner attended Mexico Academy School; after graduating, she proudly served her country as a member of the Women in the Air Force (WAF) for a year; and

WHEREAS, Upon her discharge from the WAF, Joanne Gardner furthered her education and subsequently, became employed at the Oswego Hospital; she worked in this capacity for 38 years, officially retiring in 2011; in addition, she also held positions at both the Oswego Speedway and the

Wine Creek Inn; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A committed volunteer for over four decades, Joanne Gardner has devoted her life to the Martville community; she has held numerous leadership positions on a variety of organizations, including Manager of Harborfest Hospitality, Treasurer of MACS/Alumni Band, and Trip Director of the Granby Senior Citizens, as well as a member of the Board of Directors for both the Compass Federal Credit Union and ARISE; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Joanne Gardner is a vital member of the Allocations Committee for the Oswego County United Way, and participates in RSVP; she is also a certified AARP/RSVP Tax Preparer; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joanne Gardner 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 Joanne Gardner has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Gardner, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her 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 Joanne Gardner upon the occasion of being selected as the Oswego 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 Joanne Gardner.