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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Beilman upon the occasion of his selection as the Ulster 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 John Beilman upon the occasion of his selection as the Ulster 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 Ellenville, New York, John Beilman has proudly provided for his family with a true pioneer spirit; he has a productive garden, raises rabbits, and heats his house with wood he cuts and splits himself; and

WHEREAS, John Beilman held the esteemed position of Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, This respected 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 10 years, John Beilman has dedicated his life to the Ellenville community, which is much richer due to his sense of humor, hard work, and generosity; this remarkable man has been serving the non-profit organization, Family of Ellenville, for almost a decade, providing not only groceries, but also joy to the agency each week; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, John Beilman 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 John Beilman has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 60 years, Marie, their four daughters, and six grandchildren, as well as one great-grandchild, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, John Beilman, 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 John Beilman upon the occasion of being selected as the Ulster 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 John Beilman.