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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Hampel upon the occasion of his selection as the Delaware 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 Hampel upon the occasion of his selection as the Delaware 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, Born in Yonkers, New York, 75 years ago, John Hampel has been a resident of Downsville, New York, for 19 years; he earned a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and subsequently was an Instructor at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Delhi for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, John Hampel has a keen interest in Ham Radio; he conducts FSS exams for those hoping to attain a Ham Radio license; in addition, he enjoys traveling and showing his vintage vehicles at local car shows;

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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, After retiring from SUNY Delhi in 2000, John Hampel began helping the elderly prepare their tax returns; in this capacity, he held the positions of Counselor, Instructor and Coordinator for the Delaware County AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program; and

WHEREAS, A committed volunteer for over two decades, John Hampel has devoted his life to the Downsville community; currently, he devotes his time and energies to assisting the Colchester Community Food Bank, Colchester Historical Society, and Delaware County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Hampel holds several leadership positions at various organizations, including President of Colchester Senior Citizens, Vice President of the Delaware County Senior Council, and both Trustee and Treasurer of the Colchester Community United Methodist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, John Hampel, 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 Hampel upon the occasion of being selected as the Delaware 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 Hampel.