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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Betty Davis upon the occasion of her selection as the Lewis 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 Betty Davis upon the occasion of her selection as the Lewis 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 resident of Lowville, New York, Betty Davis was employed by the County of Lewis for 30 years, officially retiring six years ago; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed 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 six years, Betty Davis has devoted her time and energies to the Lowville community; she is known as a kind,

caring woman who deeply cares for people; and

WHEREAS, Betty Davis enjoys spending time at the local nursing home, distributing both lap robes and mail to residents, and assisting with birthday parties and bingo games; in addition, she delivers cards and refreshments to veterans on each holiday; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Betty Davis brings blankets and bonnets to new mothers in the maternity ward at the local hospital, and collects gifts and other items for veterans at the VA Hospital in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Betty Davis serves as Treasurer of the Lowville Senior Club, and organizes many dinners at the VFW for public dances and funerals; she also works at fundraising events for auxiliary functions, and helps obtain items and wrap presents for servicemen during the Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was the recipient of the Randy Streeter Senior Citizens of the Year Award for her outstanding philanthropic works and positive attitude; and

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

WHEREAS, Betty Davis, 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 Betty Davis upon the occasion of being selected as the Lewis 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 Betty Davis.