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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joyce Persons upon the occasion of her selection as the St. Lawrence 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 Joyce Persons upon the occasion of her selection as the St. Lawrence 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 Star Lake, New York, Joyce Persons held the position of Nutrition Manager at the Star Lake Nutrition Site of the Office of the Aging for over 10 years; today, she continues to volunteer as needed; 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 over four decades, Joyce Persons has devoted her life to the Star Lake community; for over 30 years, she has been a vital member of the Eastern Stars, and is a participant of the Star Lake American Legion Auxiliary, as well as the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Persons has held numerous leadership positions in various organizations, including Board of Director member of the St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens, Assistant Leader for the Daisy Girl Scouts, and Vice President and then President of the Clifton-Fine Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the First Baptist Church, Joyce Persons served as the Deaconess of the Congregation and the Sunday School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Joyce Persons was instrumental in bringing public bus transportation to the remote area of Star Lake on a weekly basis for travel to Potsdam and Canton; in addition, she was the guiding force behind the introduction of health promotion and exercise classes to the Star Lake Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Known as a dynamic and enthusiastic fund raiser for all the organizations she volunteers with, this remarkable woman can always be counted upon to assist with planning parties and events; and

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

WHEREAS, Joyce Persons, 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 Joyce Persons upon the occasion of being selected as the St. Lawrence 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 Joyce Persons.