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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring R. Richard Jardine upon the occasion of his selection as the Oneida 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 R. Richard Jardine upon the occasion of his selection as the Oneida 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 Marcy, New York, R. Richard Jardine held the position of an educator at the Whitesboro Central School for 32 years; throughout his tenure, he taught grades four through six; and

WHEREAS, In addition, R. Richard Jardine served as a Math Specialist, and the Computer Technology Coordinator; and

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, A committed volunteer for over 25 years, R. Richard Jardine has devoted his life to the Marcy community; for 10 years, he taught a course in Computer Applications at Herkimer County Community College; and

WHEREAS, R. Richard Jardine also held the title of New York State Phi Beta Lambda Advisor, empowering state officers in their duties, organizing annual state conferences for the state organization, and supervising students at the National Conference; and

WHEREAS, For eight years, R. Richard Jardine was a volunteer at HealthFriends, serving as a member of the Celebration Committee; in this capacity, he helped with the Golf Tournament, and raised funds for this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, For the last four years, R. Richard Jardine has held the title of President of the Marcy Seniors Club; he initiated a monthly newsletter, organized numerous activities, and initiated a "lunch out" program; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has been involved with many church programs and has held many positions, such as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and RCIA Team member, as well as a Representative, Second-Vice President, and then President of the Diocesan Pastoral Council for St. Leo's Church in Holland Patent, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, R. Richard Jardine serves as both Secretary and Lector for the Maynard United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, R. Richard Jardine 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 R. Richard Jardine has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, R. Richard Jardine, 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 R. Richard Jardine upon the occasion of being selected as the Oneida 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 R. Richard Jardine.