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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edward J. McDowell upon the occasion of his selection as the Putnam 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 Edward J. McDowell upon the occasion of his selection as the Putnam County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizen's 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 Putnam County for 42 years, Edward J. McDowell, the son of Thomas and Ellen McDowell, was raised in Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. McDowell proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; he retired from Verizon after 31 years of distinguished service; 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 four decades, Edward J. McDowell's community service includes Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Green Chimney's Children's Services, Friends of the Great Swamp, and the

Putnam Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. McDowell participates regularly in local veteran's organizations such as the Putnam County Emerald Association Feis and the Annual Dinner Dance; and

WHEREAS, For the last three years, Edward J. McDowell mentored 10 young men in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; in addition, he completed extensive restoration work for several historic landmark buildings such as the Old Southeast Church and the Doansburg School-house; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. McDowell serves as a member of numerous community organizations, including the Putnam County Land Trust, Starr Ridge Manor Civic Association, the Putnam County Emerald Association, Landmarks Preservation of Southeast, Peach Lake Environmental Committee, and the St. Patrick's Day Committee, where he holds the position of Parade Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Edward J. McDowell 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 Edward J. McDowell has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 44 years, Christine, and their three daughters, Meridith, Kimberly, and Kristin, as

well as two grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. McDowell, 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 Edward J. McDowell upon the occasion of being selected as the Putnam 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 Edward J. McDowell.