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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Karen Yurko upon the occasion of her 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 Karen Yurko upon the occasion of her 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 Mahopac, New York, for 43 years, Karen Yurko was born in Yonkers, New York; for 25 years she was employed at Graymoor Friars; 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 18 years, Karen Yurko's community

service includes dressing up as an elf at the Carmel Recreation Santa Breakfast, and making phone calls to homebound seniors who receive meals through Putnam County Office for Senior Resources; and

WHEREAS, Karen Yurko enjoys assisting in efforts to raise funds for various charitable organizations such as the Putnam Community Action Program, March of Dimes, and the Salvation Army; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 60 years, Andrew, and their five children, as well as seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Karen Yurko, 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 Karen Yurko upon the occasion of being selected as the 2015 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 Karen Yurko.