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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lillian Wood upon the occasion of her selection as the Warren 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 Lillian Wood upon the occasion of her selection as the Warren County 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration held 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 lifelong resident of New York, Lillian Wood owned and operated the Schroon River Campground for 20 years; 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, Dedicated to the well-being of her community, Lillian Wood is an invaluable volunteer at the Luzerne Senior Center, serving as the

Senior Advisor and as the Representative to the Warren County Council; she is always working at the facility, serving meals, cleaning, and decorating for special events; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Wood can always be counted on to drive friends to Doctor's appointments, babysit local children, or pay a visit to a hospice patient; she is also an active member of the Red Hat Society; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lillian Wood is a strong supporter of local veterans; she visits the veterans' home in Ballston Spa, New York, and assists at both the VFW Post in Queensbury, and the Luzerne American Legion Post; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was the recipient of the Veteran's Administrative Hospital Award for her dedicated service at Veterans Affairs facilities in Albany and Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Lillian Wood has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her four children, and eight grandchildren, as well as 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Lillian Wood has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Wood, 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 Lillian Wood upon the occasion of being selected as the Warren 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 Lillian Wood.