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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Johansen upon the occasion of his 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 Thomas Johansen upon the occasion of his 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, Thomas Johansen was born in Laurelton, New York, and raised in Great Neck, New York; throughout his childhood, he and his parents spent a great deal of time in Brant Lake; and

WHEREAS, For 37 years, Thomas Johansen held the title of Government Property Analyst at Lockheed Martin, a position from which he officially retired in 1998; he then moved to Brant Lake to enjoy his retirement; 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, Thomas Johansen served as the Vice-President of the Town of Horicon Historical Society for two years, and has held the position of President since 2005; he is a lifelong member of the Warren County Historical Society, and has served as Chairman of the Collections Committee; and

WHEREAS, For the last six years, Thomas Johansen has participated on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Horicon Free Public Library; in addition, he served as the Vice-President of the North Warren Chamber of Commerce for three years, and is a current Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Thomas Johansen was appointed in 2011 to the Warren County Bicentennial Committee for the March 12, 2013 Bicentennial Celebration, and he delivers meals to local Seniors; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his philanthropic deeds, including the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the 2004 RSVP Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Thomas Johansen 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 Thomas Johansen has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Johansen, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volun-

teerism, 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 Thomas Johansen 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 Thomas Johansen.