

## 2015-J2293

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ronnie Coffey upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Written Word Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library on June 6, 2015

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ronnie Coffey upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Written Word Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library, to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Awards Reception, on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Highland Falls Library, Highland Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Written Word Award recognizes the exceptional talent and achievement of an author residing in the Highland Falls community; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Coffey is a hometown author who has compiled an impressive collection of books illustrating the history of the Town of Highlands, the Village of Highland Falls, Constitution Island, and Parklands such as Harriman State Park and Bear Mountain; in addition, she and her sister wrote a play for the 125th Anniversary of Highland Falls; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Paramus, New Jersey, Ronnie Coffey has been a resident of Highland Falls for 30 years; she graduated from Ladycliff College, Highland Falls, and earned her master's degree from New York University, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Coffey has served as an educator for over three decades; currently, she teaches both English and Drama at West Point

Middle School, West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Ronnie Coffey held the position of Executive Director of the Constitution Island Association from

1993-1999, and has been a Trustee of the Highland Falls Library for

almost 20 years; she is also a member of both the Town of Highlands

Historical Society and the Fort Montgomery Battle Site Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of

this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Ronnie Coffey upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of

the 2015 Written Word Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library

on June 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Ronnie Coffey.