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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Marie Carbone Regan upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Town of Potsdam, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Marie Carbone Regan upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Town of Potsdam, New York; and

WHEREAS, Marie Carbone was born on July 18, 1936, to Italian immigrants, Josephine Trimboli and Dominick Carbone, in Massena, New York, where she grew up with her two sisters, JoAnne and Stephanie, and one brother, Joseph; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Marie Carbone Regan earned her Bachelor's degree in both American and British literature, with minors in Speech and Drama, from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany; she later went on to receive her Master of Arts degree in English from SUNY Potsdam in 1977; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Marie Carbone Regan obtained a permanent secondary-level English certification and was a well-loved and dedicated teacher at Massena Central High School for several years; and

WHEREAS, Marie Carbone Regan then became a Professor of English and the Humanities, and taught numerous writing and literature courses at SUNY Canton; for more than 25 years, she served as the Chair of the Department of English and Humanities, a faculty Senator, and was a member of the SUNY Faculty Senate Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, SUNY Canton presented Marie Carbone Regan with its Distinguished Faculty Award, and went on to name its 2007 Honors Convocation in her honor; she was also recognized for her achievements by being named a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in 2007, the title with which she retired; following her service as a faculty member, she was appointed to the SUNY Canton College Council in 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Marie Carbone Regan was elected to the Potsdam Town Council, and just a year later, she was appointed to the title of Deputy Supervisor; in 2004, she was elected as Town Supervisor, a position from which she will officially retire on December 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Town Supervisor, Marie Carbone Regan has overseen legislation, staffing and finances for the municipality, including for the offices of the Clerk and the Town Court; under her luminous leadership, the municipality completed construction of a new Town Hall in 2013, and renovated its previous downtown hall into a new facility that will serve both the Village and Town of Potsdam; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of the community in which she lives and works, Marie Carbone Regan proudly served as the Chair of the Bicentennial Celebration for the Town of Potsdam, which marked the 200th Anniversary of its founding in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Marie Carbone Regan was a founding Board Member and has served as both a Teacher and Administrator for Stimulating Opportunities After Retirement (SOAR), which offers peer learning opportunities to North Country seniors; she also held the title of President of the St. Lawrence County Chapter of the American Association of University Women; and

WHEREAS, Marie Carbone Regan serves as a liaison to the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the North Country Regional Economic

Development Council; in recognition of her numerous years of leadership and superlative service, she was the recipient of many awards and accolades including the 2013 Silas Wright Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career, Marie Carbone Regan served the Town of Potsdam, New York, with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, Marie Carbone Regan will be remembered for her honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 58 years, Robert John Regan; their four daughters, Shawn, Denise, Bridget, and Stephanie; one son, Gavin; and 11 grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Marie Carbone Regan upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Town of Potsdam, New York, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marie Carbone Regan.