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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colleen Spellecy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce on January 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colleen Spellecy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, January 22, 2016, at Waterloo/Seneca Falls Holiday Inn, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Elmira, New York, on November 15, 1944, to Joseph Edward and Genevieve Reagan Kelly, Colleen Spellecy graduated from Notre Dame High School, Elmira, New York, in 1962; eight years later, she earned her bachelor's degree from Nazareth College, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Colleen Spellecy received her master's degree from Nazareth College; she then went on to obtain an Associate's degree in Graphic Design from Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua, New York, in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Spellecy began her rewarding teaching career at Maryknoll Elementary School, Honolulu, Hawaii; throughout the years, she held positions at several other schools including Our Lady of Mercy School, Rochester, New York, and St. Mary's School, Waterloo, New York, as well as St. Michael's School, Newark, New York; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and caring teacher, Colleen Spellecy was a recip-

ient of the St. John Fisher Award for Catholic Education; and  
WHEREAS, A talented graphic artist, Colleen Spellecy proudly designed the covers for J.S. Paluch Missalettes in 1970, created several Museum walls at Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in 2010, and illustrated "Come Aside and Rest Awhile" published by Paulist Press in 1977; and  
WHEREAS, In 2008, Colleen Spellecy received an Honorable Mention Award for Computer Imaging, and five years later, she was the winner of the Women's Rights National Historical Park's Poetry Month Contest; and  
WHEREAS, Colleen Spellecy 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 community in which she both lives and works, Colleen Spellecy serves as the Chair of the Willard Cemetery Memorial Project, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum; in addition, she holds the position of Treasurer of the Finger Lakes Area Right To Life; and  
WHEREAS, A faithful congregant of the St. Francis/St. Clare Parish, Colleen Spellecy serves as both a Lector and Minister of Holy Communion; and  
WHEREAS, In her spare time, Colleen Spellecy enjoys writing poetry, gardening, watching Notre Dame Football and creating graphic design projects; and  
WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Colleen Spellecy has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and  
WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving husband, F. Mack Spellecy, whom she married on July 7, 1973, and her beloved daughter, Kateri Reagan Spellecy Osborne, 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 Colleen Spellecy has displayed

throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colleen Spellecy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce on January 22, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colleen Spellecy.