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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Eleanor Gallagher upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Town of Marlborough, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Marlborough community has been ably served and uniquely enriched through the selfless dedication and benevolent concern of Judge Eleanor Gallagher; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Eleanor Gallagher upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Town of Marlborough, New York; she officially retired in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, A Brooklyn native, Eleanor Gallagher moved to Highland, New York, when she was a teenager; in 1960, she married the late John Esmond Gallagher, and together, they were the proud parents of two sons, Jack and Rod; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Gallagher began her career with the Town of Marlborough as a volunteer in the local police department helping to organize their filing system; she later served three years as a Police Dispatcher and eventually became the first Court Clerk for the town; and

WHEREAS, After ably serving as Court Clerk for three years, Eleanor Gallagher graciously filled a temporary vacancy as a Judge for one year before running and winning the position in her own right; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious 31-year tenure, Judge Eleanor Gallagher rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the people of the Town of Marlborough; and

WHEREAS, Respected by both attorneys and defendants alike, this esteemed public servant expertly presided over a wide variety of cases, and always conducted an impartial and objective court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Eleanor Gallagher was often called in the middle of the night to oversee arraignments, but treated all defendants with compassion and dignity while remaining fair in her rulings; she is also known for having a positive influence on countless young people who had been on the wrong side of the law; and

WHEREAS, Throughout a life and career of purposeful endeavor, Judge Eleanor Gallagher has remained true to her commitment, serving family and community, as well as the law; her contributions and accomplishments have brought great benefit to bear upon the course of jurisprudence and the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Judge Eleanor Gallagher, in every capacity in which she served, has left a permanent mark on the criminal justice community and will forever be remembered as a determined, wise and genuinely concerned expert in her field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Judge Eleanor Gallagher upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Town of Marlborough, New York, and to extend its sincere gratitude for her contributions to the people of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Eleanor Gallagher.