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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Georgia Van Dyke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce

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, 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Georgia Van Dyke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Business Celebration Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 1, 2016, at Caverns Place, Howes Cave, New York; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Van Dyke relocated to Schoharie County from North Babylon, Long Island in 1986, while working for the New York State Nurses Association; she remained with the association as a nursing representative and organizer, and after 21 years of dedicated service, she retired in 2004; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Georgia Van Dyke established The Darryl West Van Dyke Memorial Fund through the Community Foundation of the Capital District; this fund supplies portable defibrillators to businesses and churches throughout Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2005, SUNY Cobleskill recognized Georgia Van Dyke

as one of six "Notable Women of Schoharie County"; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Georgia Van Dyke is active in the Town of Wright, Schoharie Valley Lions Club, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Middleburgh; she also serves as co-chair of Schoharie Area Long Term, Inc. (SALT), as well as chair of Unmet Needs Roundtable; and WHEREAS, Georgia Van Dyke has been president of Van Dyke Enterprises, Inc. since 2002, overseeing Gobbler's Knob Family Fun Park which opened in 2001, with a driving range and clubhouse; by 2006, the family business had expanded to an 18-hole lighted miniature golf course featuring Schoharie County Landmarks; and

WHEREAS, Additionally in 2006, an ice cream parlor and snack bar were opened, as well as the Muscle Motors Speedway Go-cart Track; three years later a nine-hole par three course named "D's Tees" was established in memory of Darryl Van Dyke; 2011 brought a bungee trampoline, which was replaced by a bounce house in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Van Dyke continues to support Schoharie County through her work with community organizations, the Chamber of Commerce and her business; while serving as Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce Board president, she stepped up to the role as its executive director after an unexpected vacancy; and

WHEREAS, At the end of her term as Board President, Georgia Van Dyke was hired as part-time executive director in 2014, the esteemed position she continues to hold today; in this capacity she has been instrumental in the growth of membership, a new and more user friendly website, a revitalized infrastructure, and the return of tourism to the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Georgia Van Dyke 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 Georgia Van Dyke has displayed

throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Georgia Van Dyke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Georgia Van Dyke.