

## 2015-J4924

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Antoinette Vessey upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Antoinette Vessey upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman 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, A Certified Lay Servant, Antoinette Vessey is an active member of the Colchester Community Methodist Church where she teaches women's Bible study, serves on the church council, edits the monthly church newsletter, and is a delegate to the New York Annual Conference;

and

WHEREAS, In addition, she assists with church service communion, ushering, heads the prayer chain and Vacation Bible School, and assists with community fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping others, Antoinette Vessey has been a past president and trip coordinator for the Colchester Senior Citizens, and currently serves as their treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Vessey is also the secretary for the Western Catskills Parish Council, an elected Catskill Hudson District co-lay leader, an active member of the Downsville Women's Club, and the Town of Colchester tax collector; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Antoinette Vessey has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Philip, and their two children, as well as three grandchildren, 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 Antoinette Vessey has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Vessey, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Antoinette Vessey upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Antoinette Vessey.