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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Elizabeth Triggs upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Senior Citizens Day Honoree by the New York State Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the senior citizens of the Empire State who, as they reach the fullness of years, continue to be active and vital participants in the life of their community; and

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers bring their special wisdom, experience and enthusiasm to countless endeavors, helping to shape and strengthen the character of our communities and the quality of our lives; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Elizabeth Triggs upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Senior Citizens Day Honoree by the New York State Office for the Aging; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens from counties across the State; Elizabeth Triggs is being recognized for her outstanding contributions to Erie County during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of the older generation 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, In 1989, Elizabeth Triggs, a lifelong resident of Buffalo, New York, began building a recognized block club on the Eastside in

order to take on the project of fixing up her neighborhood park where members of the community and her five children could congregate and play; and

WHEREAS, From this experience, Elizabeth Triggs started her outreach and became the founder and CEO of None Like You - We Care Outreach, an organization devoted to uplifting Buffalo's developing communities and seeking to meet the needs of residents; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Triggs' organization is involved with projects such as fixing up houses and neighborhoods, helping people quit drugs and alcohol, providing the hungry with food, tutoring students taking the GED, assisting with heat bills, and helping the youth find summer jobs; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers which include students recruited from area colleges and residents from the local neighborhood, complete all of the organization's projects; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Elizabeth Triggs has been instrumental in applying for grants, meeting fundraising goals and hosting an annual dinner to discuss new projects; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Triggs 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 giving back to the community and truly making a difference, Elizabeth Triggs has given of her time and energy by helping serve turkey dinners this past Thanksgiving and Christmas in four separate locations across the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast and dedicated community volunteer, Elizabeth Triggs serves as a member of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Triggs is the proud parent of five children, the loving grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; she earned a degree in Business Administration and Human Services from The

State University College at Buffalo; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Elizabeth Triggs has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and commend those who have witnessed and contributed to the developments and achievements of our Nation, State and communities over the course of their noteworthy lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Elizabeth Triggs upon the occasion of her designation as a 2016 Senior Citizens Day Honoree by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Triggs.