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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George D'Alessandro upon the occasion of his selection as the 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year by the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources on May 6, 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 George D'Alessandro upon the occasion of his selection as the 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year by the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources to be celebrated at an event on Friday, May 6, 2016, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his community through his valuable and much appreciated volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1929, in the Bronx, George D'Alessandro and his family moved to Mount Vernon, New York, when he was two years old; in 1945, the family settled in Putnam County, where he currently lives on the same property that his family bought 67 years ago; and

WHEREAS, From 1948 through 1953, George D'Alessandro proudly served as a member of the United States military in the Korean War; following his discharge, he worked for Putnam County as a Civil Engineer; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, George D'Alessandro became a sports writer, and today, continues to write a sports column for the local newspapers; in addition, for 25 years he served as a parochial school Physical Education Teacher, a position from which he retired in 2010; and

WHEREAS, George D'Alessandro enjoyed a successful career which focused on sports and health, and has always been a passionate volunteer, generously dedicating his time; currently, he is a Senior Fitness Volunteer Instructor at the Carmel and Mahopac Office for Senior Resources (OSR)

Friendship Centers; and

WHEREAS, As a Senior Fitness Volunteer Instructor, George D'Alessandro has helped many seniors improve themselves physically and has shown that exercise can be fun; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, George D'Alessandro made extraordinary contributions to Putnam County; he volunteered as a coach for Memorial Recreation of Carmel and Kent (MRACK) Baseball and Basketball as well as Kiwanis Little League Baseball, and in the 1960s, held the title of Recreation Commissioner for the Town of Kent where he established many new youth recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, George D'Alessandro served as a Faculty Consultant for parochial school newspapers in the 1980s, and established after-school intramural sports programs; he continued in both capacities until 2010; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, George D'Alessandro was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award from Saint Lawrence O'Toole School, and received the New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit as a "Just Do It" Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Along with his late wife of 50 years, Marilyn, with him throughout have been his two children, George and Karen; three grandchildren, Anthony, Mandy and Jennifer; and three great-grandchildren, Cortland, Cameron and Tyler; all of whom feel privileged to be part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, George D'Alessandro's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor George D'Alessandro upon the occasion of his selection as the 2016

Senior Citizen of the Year by the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to George D'Alessandro.