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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joan Davis 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 Joan Davis 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 Copenhagen, New York native who has lived in Lewis County her entire life, Joan Davis is the mother of four children, step-mother of six daughters, grandmother and step-grandmother of numerous grandchildren and a great-grandmother of four; and

WHEREAS, Joan Davis, along with her husband, were the owners of the well-known local diner, Lloyd's of Lowville, for many years; after the sale of the diner, the couple opened Lance's Appliance and Repair Shop; and

WHEREAS, Joan Davis spent much of her illustrious career employed by Lowville Academy and Central School; after a brief retirement, she decided to go back to work, where you will still find her today working as the lunch monitor and touching the lives of her kids, who affectionately call her "Grandma"; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Joan Davis is the Chair for funeral dinners held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Lowville VFW and the Lowville Legion; she holds the position of "Conductress" at the VFW, and chairs their local dances; and

WHEREAS, Joan Davis has also served as Chairman of the Cancer Aid and Research Committee for more than 10 years, and as President of the Lowville Legion Auxiliary for three years; independently, she has raised significant funds for the Dialysis Unit at Lewis County General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she has made more than 100 lap robes for the residents of the Lewis County Nursing Home and the children of Lewis County Head Start; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joan Davis 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 Joan Davis has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Joan Davis, 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 Joan Davis 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 Joan Davis.