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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bessie Kolodziejski 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 Bessie Kolodziejski 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, For numerous years, Bessie Kolodziejski was employed at the Monroe-Woodbury School District, and also worked at her husband's construction company; 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, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community,

Bessie Kolodziejski has been a vital member of the Orange County Office for the Aging's Senior Games Committee for the last 30 years, and has worked at the Cornwall Senior Dining Program for over three decades; in addition, she has been a volunteer at the Cornwall Hospital for 17 years, and for the past 15 years, she has helped at the Town of Cornwall Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Now at the age of 95, Bessie Kolodziejski has been a fixture at the Cornwall Senior Dining site for the last 33 years; through the years, she has assisted in numerous capacities, such as packing desserts, wrapping breads, setting the tables for lunch, preparing food for homebound clients, and serving meals to seniors; today, she continues to assist by taking attendance and making the diners feel welcome; and

WHEREAS, Known for her caring manner and contagious laughter, Bessie Kolodziejski is an active participant of the Golden Age Club at Munger Cottage in Cornwall; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been three children, seven grandchildren, and her four great-grandchildren, as well as her late husband, Johnny, 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 Bessie Kolodziejski has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Bessie Kolodziejski, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volun-

teerism, 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 Bessie Kolodziejski 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 Bessie Kolodziejski.