

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Luckern upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Citizen of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, on April 18, 2013

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and this great Empire State, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those citizens who have made significant contributions to the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Luckern upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Citizen of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at a special Dinner on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed award recognizes an individual who has unselfishly given to the community and created a more dignified, unique place in which to work and live; and

WHEREAS, Mary Luckern has given not only of her time and energies, but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Sylvester and Nell Miles Luckern, Mary Luckern grew up in the Finger Lakes area, and attended St. Patrick's Elementary School in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Luckern pursued a career in education and worked in the Geneva school system for many years as a teacher and administrator before retiring as a school principal; and

WHEREAS, Mary Luckern further established herself as an educational leader in her region by taking on such roles as Chairman of Geneva's Program for Gifted Children, serving as the professional staff's administrative representative to the Geneva Board of Education, and as the leading voice on the State Board of Directors representing the Region and also serves as Chairman of the Ontario County National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Mary Luckern 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, The quintessential civic leader, Mary Luckern has been Supervisor of the Town of Geneva since 1998, the first woman ever elected to that post; she is also a member of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, she serves as the Ontario County representative on the Tourism Board, and is a presence on the Ontario County Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this impressive citizen is a member of the Geneva Scholarship Board of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, a Board Member of the Geneva Rotary Club, a staunch advocate and Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Geneva, an Ex Officio Member of the Board of Directors of Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce and is an active participant in the work of the Geneva Historical Society where she remains an Ex Officio member of its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Well-known for her dedication to the community, Mary Luckern has received countless honors and awards; she was named "National Distinguished Elementary Principal for New York State in 1988, received the Sharing the Light award for service to others in 1996; and was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Mary Luckern has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Luckern upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2013 Citizen of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce on April 18, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Luckern.