

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Rescue Mission of Utica upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Contribution by an Organization Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Rescue Mission of Utica upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Contribution by an Organization Award on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at the Oneida County Older American Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Currently there are 40 active registered Rescue Mission of Utica volunteers over the age of 60; they contribute wealth of knowledge, time, and experience to six of the Mission's social services programs; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, numerous individuals provided 9,319 hours of volunteer services; many retirees oversee the Computer Learning Center with various computer programs; they assist students as they prepare for GED testing; and

WHEREAS, Many registered senior volunteers assist with clerical duties in both the Representative Payee Program and the Addiction Crisis Center; two seniors monitor the Coin Canister ministry in both Herkimer and Oneida Counties and one seasoned volunteer acts as a gatekeeper at the Parker House, monitoring the confidentiality of those in rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, The Food Service Department can always count on dependable retirees to be at work on time and oftentimes, at short notice, when substitutes are required; in addition, there is an Auxiliary at the Mission that has 56 members with majority of them over the age of 60; these individuals support the Mission with various service projects and are liaisons with various churches; and

WHEREAS, As a non-profit organization, the Rescue Mission of Utica could not accomplish all that they do without the dedicated assistance from their senior members; these older citizens are beautiful examples of sharing and caring; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Rescue Mission of Utica upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Contribution by an Organization Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rescue Mission of Utica.