

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Laura Bradley Chodos upon the occasion of being selected as Saratoga County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year

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 Laura Bradley Chodos upon the occasion of being selected as Saratoga County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the community through her outstanding, and much appreciated, volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, As Saratoga County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, Laura Bradley Chodos will participate in the Annual New York State Senior Citizens Day Luncheon, hosted by the State Office for the Aging (SOFA), at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event, Unleash the Power of Age, recognizes the potential energies of older individuals which can be unleashed through civic engagement to address pressing social and community needs; and

WHEREAS, Laura Bradley Chodos, a resident of Saratoga Springs, who has lived in New York State since 1953, was elected by the New York State Legislature to serve as a member of the New York State Board of Regents, and was the first woman appointed to chair its committee on Higher Education and the Professions; and

WHEREAS, Laura Bradley Chodos volunteered as a member of the National Board of Literacy Volunteers of America and developed after-school tutoring programs for children living in poor neighborhoods; she also served as President of the after-school program in Albany from 2001 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Laura Bradley Chodos is a Foundation board member of Saratoga Bridges Board of the Vital Aging Network in Saratoga Springs, and Chair of the Committee on Civic Engagement; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Laura, along with her husband, established an endowment for outstanding student research on community history, and helped to organize the Saratoga Springs-Chekhov Sister Cities program; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Laura Bradley Chodos' 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 Laura Bradley Chodos upon the occasion of being selected as Saratoga County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura Bradley Chodos.