

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arlene Brown upon the occasion of being selected as Columbia 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 Arlene Brown upon the occasion of being selected as Columbia 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 Columbia County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, Arlene Brown 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, Arlene Brown, who lives in Columbia County with her devoted, energetic dog in the same house where she was born 92 years ago, is active in an impressive range of community endeavors while being known for her irrepressible good nature, enthusiasm, and contagious can-do attitude; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Brown mentors middle school students, provides trail maintenance and office assistance to the Columbia County Land Conservancy, and volunteers at the circulation desk at the Hudson Area Library; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Arlene Brown volunteers at the nearby Greenport Conservation Area as a Public Conservation Area monitor, where she picks up trash, prepares birdhouses, and keeps an eye out for issues that need to be addressed by the Columbia Land Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Arlene Brown's 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 Arlene Brown upon the occasion of being selected as Columbia County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arlene Brown.