

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joyce McDonald 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 Joyce McDonald 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, Joyce McDonald 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, Joyce McDonald, a lifelong Columbia County resident, remains actively engaged in helping others at the fine age of 91, and is undeterred in her zest for life and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Joyce McDonald regularly calls homebound seniors to make sure they are okay and to chat; she also visits nursing home residents, provides transportation to appointments, volunteers for hospice, and staffs the Summer Thrift Shop one day a week; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has a gift of knowing who needs cheering up with a thoughtful card or visit; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Joyce McDonald'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 Joyce McDonald 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 Joyce McDonald.