

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dorothy DeMay upon the occasion of being selected as Wayne 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 Dorothy DeMay upon the occasion of being selected as Wayne County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year for her outstanding contributions to the community through her valuable and much appreciated volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, As Wayne County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, Dorothy DeMay 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, Dorothy DeMay is in her 80s, and lives in Newark, New York, and has been involved in helping people her whole life; and

WHEREAS, She has been active in her church, at the hospital, and nursing homes and has read with children at local schools, served summer lunches to kids, done financial counseling, helped with fundraisers, and even drove to Seneca County to volunteer, all since 2004 working with the RSVP program; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy DeMay still makes nursing home visits, and drives older citizens to their doctor appointments in her own car, a great service which helps people remain in their own homes, living independently, even if they have limitations; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy DeMay's first volunteer assignment was reading with children at Perkins Elementary School in Newark; Dorothy loves to read and likes to encourage others to do so as well; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy DeMay believes that like herself, many people volunteer because they want to be useful and help people, and, because it keeps life interesting; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Dorothy DeMay'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 Dorothy DeMay upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of a 2013 New York State Senior Citizen of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dorothy DeMay.