LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Leona Cook upon the occasion of being selected as the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe'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 Leona Cook upon the occasion of being selected as the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe'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 the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, Leona Cook 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, Leona Cook was born in Akwesasne; she married, and is the proud mother of six children and many grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Leona Cook has been a committed and active volunteer in her community throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Leona Cook is renowned for her incredible fundraising abilities, generating much needed financial support for many charitable causes, including the Fire Department; in addition to supporting organizations, she has been helpful to many individuals who have crossed her path over the years; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Leona Cook'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 Leona Cook upon the occasion of being selected as the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leona Cook.