LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Loretta Sharpstene upon the occasion of being selected as St. Lawrence 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 Loretta Sharpstene upon the occasion of being selected as St. Lawrence 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 St. Lawrence County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year, Loretta Sharpstene 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, Loretta Sharpstene was born in Clare, New York, and now resides in Russell, New York; a nurse, she, along with her husband, operated Hermon Home Care for many years; she is the proud mother of three children; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Sharpstene has been a committed and active volunteer in her community for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Sharpstene is President of Russell Senior Club, where she encourages seniors to enjoy life by going on trips and seeing plays; she has also been an active church volunteer for many years, providing altar flower arrangements, assisting at spaghetti suppers, and volunteering with the children's summer camp; moreover, this generous volunteer makes shawls, sweaters and hats for low income seniors, and provides transportation for many seniors to recreational functions; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Loretta Sharpstene'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 Loretta Sharpstene upon the occasion of being selected as St. Lawrence County's 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Loretta Sharpstene.