

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Darlene Kay Baker, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Kay Baker of Ocala, Florida, formerly of Windsor, New York, died on Friday, August 10, 2012, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on June 21, 1944, Darlene Kay Baker distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, She was retired from a medical receptionists position; for 25 years, this remarkable woman served in various positions at her Alma Mater, Davis College, (formerly Practical Bible Training School/Practical Bible College), Johnson City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Kay Baker's job duties at Davis College included work in the business office, the alumni office and as a receptionist in charge of the front desk; she endeared herself to colleagues and students alike with her gentle spirit and sweet smile; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Kay Baker labored alongside her pastor husband, Rex A. Baker, who served two churches and an administrative position at Davis College over a span of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Kay Baker's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband whom she was married to for 45 wonderful years, Darlene Kay Baker is survived by three children, Scott (Lucy) Baker, Stan (Rhonda) Baker, and Stephanie (Rich) Bosworth; six grandchildren, Shane, Sherree, Shannon and Samantha Baker, and David and Katie Bosworth; a brother, Marlin (Ace) Carson; one sister-in-law, Betty Carson; a nephew, Jeff (Denise) Carson; a niece Cathy Field; and their children, Tyler and Steven Carson, Katie Carson (Jake) Burghardt, and Tim Field; as well as a special cousin Sandra (Dan) Biss; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Darlene Kay Baker leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Darlene Kay Baker, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Darlene Kay Baker.