

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by a resolution in 2014 and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 8, 1938, in St. Albans, Vermont, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge graduated from Castleton State College in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge married, and taught third grade at South Burlington Central School before leaving Vermont in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge moved to Amsterdam, New York, and after many years of teaching in public schools, she trained at the New England Montessori Teachers Education Center, and reopened the Montessori School of Amsterdam, which she owned and ran for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge joined the GFWC Century Club of Amsterdam, serving as its president twice; she has held many positions on the GFWC New York State Board, along with being the Fourth District Director; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge formed a GFWC Juniorettes Club of the Century Club, and rose through the ranks of the State offices before she became GFWC New York President from 2000 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, After her term as president, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge was the GFWC NGO to the United Nations for three different terms, and served as GFWC Middle Atlantic Region President from 2010 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge is on numerous community foundation boards including Baptist Health Systems Board and Foundation, Sok Nam Ko Educational Exchange Foundation, and Antlers HOA Board, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including Zonta International Outstanding Service Award, Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow twice, YMCA Co-Citizen of the Year Award, Herbert Singer Community Service Award by the Chamber of Commerce, First Liberty Bell Award, Elks Mother of the Year, United Way Hall of Fame, GFWC New York Clubwoman of the Year, GFWC New York Jenny June Award, and the GFWC 2008 Empowered Woman Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge published a biography about her husband, THE WAY BACK HOME, with her aunt, and has

enjoyed over the years hosting 17 exchange students from around the world; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, until his passing, and their four children, as well as five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gyneth Elaine Hogaboom Ko-Talmadge.