

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Donna Conlin of Schodack, New York upon the occasion of her selection as Clerk of the Year by the New York State Town Clerk's Association

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Donna Conlin has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Donna Conlin of Schodack, New York upon the occasion of her selection as Clerk of the Year by the New York State Town Clerk's Association (NYSTCA); she was honored at the NYSTCA's 32nd Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, on April 27-30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Donna Conlin was appointed as a part time Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Schodack and became acting Town Clerk three years later; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, this esteemed woman has dedicated herself to public service, consistently putting the needs of town residents first; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Donna Conlin admirably promoted the Office of the Town Clerk as the open door to local government for town residents, tirelessly assisting them with their concerns and questions no matter what their situation may be; and

WHEREAS, As town clerk, Donna Conlin was instrumental in helping establish a modern computerized management system which became one of the most utilized software programs for town clerks in the state; furthermore, she was actively involved in the Local Government Telecommunications Initiative Project, connecting Schodack to the world via the Internet; and

WHEREAS, For many years, she has been a member of the NYSTCA, an organization in which she has held various offices, including President; she has not only monitored sessions for the association and held committee liaison positions but has also been one of the "trainers training the class" at the Town Clerk's conference; and

WHEREAS, Donna Conlin has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A member of numerous civic and professional organizations, she has served in such important roles as Liaison to the Environmental Protection Agency, President of the Rensselaer County Municipal Clerk's Association, and as member of the New York State Association of Local Government Records Officers; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Donna Conlin has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of almost 24 years, Jeff, their two daughters, Kim Splain and Heather Pearsall, and three granddaughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Donna Conlin upon the occasion of her selection as Clerk of the Year by the New York State Town Clerk's Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donna Conlin.