

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ann Manson Main upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Liberty Bell Award by the Franklin County Bar Association

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, are 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ann Manson Main upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Liberty Bell Award by the Franklin County Bar Association to be celebrated on Friday, May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell Award, given each year on Law Day, which is May 1st, by local bar associations, honors exemplary citizens within the local community; the award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who volunteers their time and efforts to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Such service may include activities which promote a better understanding of America's form of government, stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; and

WHEREAS, Anne Manson was born on May 25, 1927, in Malone, New York; she attended local public schools and graduated from the Franklin Academy in 1944; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman received her bachelors degree from Marjorie Webster Junior College and worked in the office of United States Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin; following her return to Malone, she was employed as an office secretary and at the Hyde Drug Company where she had previously worked as a fountain girl; and

WHEREAS, On August 27, 1950, Ann Manson married Robert G. Main, Sr.; the couple had two children, Robert G. Main Jr. and Lucy Ann Main; they enjoyed nearly 50 years of wedded bliss together; and

WHEREAS, Ann Manson Main has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has made substantial donations to such worthy causes as the Alice Hyde Medical Center, the Franklin Academy Academic Board of Trustees, and a number of other local charities; and

WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Ann Manson Main served as a communicant at Notre Dame Church, taught religious education classes, and was a volunteer director of religious education; in addition, she helped found the local St. Vincent de Paul store during the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Ann Manson Main is an avid reader and maker of crafts; her self-designed, hand-knit baby caps can be found locally and around the world, and are also the inspiration for her daughter's books on knitting; 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 when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anne Manson Main upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of the 2015 Liberty Bell Award from the Franklin County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Manson Main.