

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Elizabeth DeFalco posthumously for her many years of outstanding service to the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Elizabeth DeFalco posthumously for her many years of outstanding service to the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 20, 1928, in Utica, New York, Elizabeth Storey DeFalco was the daughter of Arlo and Catherine Munn Storey; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed medical professional graduated as valedictorian of her class from Westmoreland Central School in 1945, and received her bachelor's degree from Utica Memorial School of Nursing to become a Registered Nurse in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth DeFalco began her nursing career at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston, Massachusetts, before continuing on to Rome Memorial Hospital and various local doctors' offices; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Elizabeth DeFalco became a founding member of the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, where she would continue to serve with loyalty, honor and distinction for many years; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious tenure, Elizabeth DeFalco selflessly contributed her time and energies as a volunteer on the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps Board of Directors and as Captain of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth DeFalco died on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her husband, J. Elliot, and her brother, William, Elizabeth DeFalco is survived by two sons, A. Richard and Elliot; four grandchildren, William (Carrie), Anna, Margery, and Arlo; and three great-grandchildren; as well as her sister, Barbara Joan (Charles); and several cousins; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth DeFalco was well-known throughout the community for her excellence and professionalism, and for always going the extra mile in the provision of care to people in need; her hard work embodied the dedication, compassion, and respect displayed by emergency responders across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Elizabeth DeFalco displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Elizabeth DeFalco 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 commend Elizabeth DeFalco posthumously for her many years of outstanding service to the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Elizabeth DeFalco.