

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Marie Biedinger upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Marie Biedinger upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman 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 certified Chaplain and Deacon, Marie Biedinger serves as Deacon at Christ Lutheran Church in Ellenville, New York, and Chaplain at Arden Hill Hospital; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping others, Marie Biedinger established Faith in Action for Cornell Cooperative Extension, bringing a community touchstone to homebound individuals; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Marie Biedinger serves as an RSVP Medical Transport Driver providing transportation to seniors and adults with disabilities, allowing them to stay secure, comfortable, independent and living in their homes for as long as possible; and

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

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her husband, John, with her throughout have been her two sons and five grandchildren, 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 Marie Biedinger has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Marie Biedinger, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Marie Biedinger upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marie Biedinger.