

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Elizabeth Gilges upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Diocese of Rochester Consistent Life Ethic VITA Award by the Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes on June 16th, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Gilges 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 Elizabeth Gilges upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Diocese of Rochester Consistent Life Ethic VITA Award by the Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes on Thursday, June 16th, 2016, at Hobart and William Colleges, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Raised on Long Island, Elizabeth Gilges, affectionately known as "Liz", attended Catholic schools for 12 years and graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics; she taught for one year before getting married and moving to Europe; and

WHEREAS, After living in Germany, England and Michigan, "Liz" Gilges decided to settle in the Finger Lakes Region to be closer to her family; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for helping others, particularly those suffering from illness or the death of a loved one, "Liz" Gilges has completed volunteer hospice training for the Light Hill Comfort Care Home which will be opening this year in Canandaigua; and

WHEREAS, "Liz" Gilges and her loving husband, Kent, are the proud parents of six children, Alex, Nicholas, Oliver, Hannah, Avery, and the late Elie; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which "Liz" Gilges 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elizabeth "Liz" Gilges upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Diocese of Rochester Consistent Life Ethic VITA Award by the Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes on June 16th, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Gilges.