

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Karen C. Erickson upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Citizen of the Year by the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce

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, Karen C. Erickson 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 Karen C. Erickson upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Citizen of the Year by the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on Saturday, March 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Karen C. Erickson 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 lifelong resident of Evans, New York, Karen C. Erickson is the co-owner of Connors Hot Dog Stand, a successful business which has served the village of Angola since 1944; over the years, she has employed generations of people, many of whom worked to pay for their college education; and

WHEREAS, Karen C. Erickson raised eight children while serving as the Sports Director at Most Precious Blood School for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Karen C. Erickson is past treasurer of Community Nursery School at First Congregation United Church of Evans, past member of the Community Concern Board, past member of the Buffalo Diocesan School Board, and past School Board member of St. Francis High School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she was an active member of the Evans Town Board from 1998 to 2010, serving as a Councilwoman and Deputy Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Karen C. Erickson is currently Secretary of the Board of the Business and Finance Academy at Lake Shore Central, and has been a member of the Evans Economic Development Committee for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to volunteerism, Karen C. Erickson has worked with Meals on Wheels for 15 years, and has sponsored countless youth baseball and soccer teams as well as Boys and Girls Club events; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Karen C. Erickson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Karen C. Erickson has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Karen C. Erickson, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Karen C. Erickson upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Citizen of the Year by the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karen C. Erickson.