

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Becky Sommer-Stufkosky upon the occasion
of her designation as recipient of the Yellow Rose
Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Becky Sommer-Stufkosky upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island, New York, celebrated on Wednesday, March 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; and

WHEREAS, The Zonta Club, an international organization of professional women who work to advance the status of women through service and advocacy, sets aside March 8th of each year as Yellow Rose Day, to honor the accomplishments of women worldwide; the Zonta Club of Grand Island takes this opportunity to honor women whose courage, determination and dedication have made a difference in the lives of others within the community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Along with her role as Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Grand Island, Becky Sommer-Stufkosky, is co-chairman for the Grand Island Relay for Life; she started her journey in the organization when her daughter, who is a cancer survivor, was in the ninth grade; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Becky Sommer-Stufkosky has been dedicated to finding a cure and has been instrumental in planning Wishes for a Warrior this year for another cancer survivor; and

WHEREAS, Becky Sommer-Stufkosky has worked with many organizations, including Camp Good Days and Special Times, Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Rich, her daughters, Alicia, Emily and Jenna and two stepchildren, Richard and Kim, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Becky Sommer-Stufkosky upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Becky Sommer-Stufkosky.