

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Catherine Liendecker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017

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 commend Catherine Liendecker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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, The former Mayor of the Village of Lyons Falls in Lewis County, Catherine Liendecker served as the catalyst for numerous positive movements in her community; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Liendecker helped establish the village's local thrift store, Forest Finds; initially, she was the store manager and held the position of Treasurer; today, she serves as a member of its Board of Directors ensuring monetary donations made are put back into projects to benefit the local community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Catherine Liendecker has held the title of President of Lyons Falls Alive, a group made up of dedicated citizens of Lyons Falls; under her guidance, a Falls Festival is held each year to bring revenue to assist the town's special projects, such as Lyons Falls Little League and Lyons Falls Park; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Catherine Liendecker has held numerous positions in various organizations including Treasurer for the Women's Association, and both Elder and Deacon at Forest Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Catherine Liendecker assisted with the grant application which provided funds to create Basin Park, supported the Lewis County Office for the Aging's Senior Nutrition Program by participating in the Mayors for Meals program, worked tirelessly for the village to revitalize the old Lyons Falls Pulp and Paper Mill, and was instrumental in bringing natural gas to assist residents in saving money on their heating bills; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Paul, and her three children, Katrina, Andy and Kurt, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, Catherine Liendecker, 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 commend Catherine Liendecker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Catherine Liendecker.