

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Barbara Page upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Page upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, she has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and, consequently, has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Page 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, Barbara Page embodies the principles and ideals that make us proud to be Americans and has been an active volunteer for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Through her locally owned business, the popular restaurant Reflections, she has participated in several community fundraisers also contributing her coveted homemade doughnuts to be sold at the fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Page has actively participated in her local senior club, serving as its President and revitalizing the club by bringing in new members; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman also assists the Amish community with transportation and other needed services, regularly provides transportation for senior citizens to medical appointments, helps friends and neighbors with their gardens, and welcomes new community members; and

WHEREAS, During the Ice Storm of 1998, she provided housing and food for 24 senior citizens in her home for two weeks, putting into practice her personal motto to "give from the heart and know it will be right"; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which Barbara Page 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Page upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Page.