

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Constance Keller upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Constance Keller upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2016; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Friday, November 4, 2016, at the Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium in Monticello High School; and

WHEREAS, Constance Keller, affectionately known as Connie, is a 1963 graduate of Monticello High School; and

WHEREAS, After retiring as a teacher at George L. Cooke Elementary School in 2002, Constance Keller became an integral part of establishing the Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County, where she served as the organization's executive director for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County is a non-profit organization which provides a variety of free services to help people achieve personal goals through literacy; Constance Keller founded this vital organization in 1994, to combat the area's growing problem of illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County has grown immensely and now offers dozens of tutors, programs and resources to help the area's youth and adults become well-versed readers; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to promoting literacy throughout her community, Constance Keller's tireless work has touched the lives of countless families throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Ms. Keller was presented with the Sullivan County School Boards Association's (SCSBA) Outstanding Friend to Education Award in honor of her impact on the education of children in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Constance Keller 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 Constance Keller 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 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 Constance Keller upon the occasion of her induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Constance Keller.