

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING the Village of Orchard Park, New York, upon the occasion of being ranked the number one Western New York village with the best quality-of-life by **Buffalo Business First**

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate those distinguished communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The United States is filled with incredible villages, each with its own set of credentials and clout to attract visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Village of Orchard Park, New York, upon the occasion of being ranked the number one Western New York village with the best quality-of-life by **Buffalo Business First**; and

WHEREAS, **Buffalo Business First** is an invaluable source for business and career news in Western New York; each year the newspaper ranks cities and villages with their 50-part quality-of-life formula taken from a statistical analysis of 976 upstate communities; and

WHEREAS, Each city or village's entry includes its 2014 population (as estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau), county, quality-of-life score and percentile; and

WHEREAS, Of the five villages ranked for quality-of-life in Western New York, Orchard Park was ranked number one; and

WHEREAS, The highest scores went to well-rounded communities, with robust employment bases and income levels, strong records of growth and residential stability, impressive housing stocks and transportation systems, excellent schools, established traditions of racial and gender diversity and equity, and positive environments for children as well as senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1850, the Village of Orchard Park is located in the western part of New York State in Erie County; early settlers transformed a vast wilderness into a lovely community through a strong work ethic, a strong sense of fairness, and a spirit of harmony; and

WHEREAS, The first citizens of Orchard Park built beautiful homes, churches, and public places which represent their culture, lifestyle, and values; their architectural vestiges give character to the Village's tranquil byways and have served to inspire modern likenesses; and

WHEREAS, Today, the residents of Orchard Park enjoy a superior

centralized school system, many cultural opportunities such as the Orchard Park Symphony, the summer Pavilion, and the Quaker Arts Festival, and a generally serene lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton, the residents of the Village of Orchard Park have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Village of Orchard Park continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Village of Orchard Park upon the occasion of being ranked the number one Western New York village with the best quality-of-life by **Buffalo Business First**, and to enthusiastically salute its residents as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jo Ann Litwin Clinton, Mayor, Village of Orchard Park.