

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMENDING Maria C. Burns upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 32 years of distinguished service to the Town of Grand Island, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Maria C. Burns upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 32 years of distinguished service to the Town of Grand Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1987, Maria C. Burns began her long and distinguished civil career as the Grand Island Town Court Clerk; after 12 years, she was promoted to the title of Chief Court Clerk, the position from which she officially retired in December of 2019; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this role, Maria C. Burns has been a vital member of her community in many capacities such as volunteering her time, talents and support to improving the status of women through the Zonta Club of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to both her profession and community, Maria C. Burns was named the 2005 Grand Island Citizen of the Year - Civic, and the 2007 New York State Magistrates Association Court Clerk of the Year; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Bruce Burns Sr., and their son, Bruce Jr., both of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Grand Island Town Court Clerk, Maria C. Burns served with loyalty, honor and distinction, was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, A singular asset to all of the citizens she has served in the community of the State of New York, Maria C. Burns' life and career are a portrait of preeminence in public service, and present a role model for all who aspire to a career in public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maria C. Burns upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 32 years of distinguished service as the Town of Grand Island Court Clerk, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria C. Burns.