

**BY:** M. of A. Stec

**HONORING** John Randall upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 21, 2019

**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 honor John Randall upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers' Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 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,** John Randall has been a volunteer at the Corinth Senior Center for the past 20 years, where he delivers meals any time his services are needed; he always has a smile on his face and is very willing to help anyone; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary man finds pleasure delivering meals to people who truly appreciate them; additionally, he has started picking up food twice a month for older neighbors in need within his community; and

**WHEREAS,** John Randall is a very dedicated volunteer who is famous for his punctuality; the staff jokes "If he doesn't show up on time, we'd better check on him, because there is something wrong!"; and

**WHEREAS,** John Randall does not know the word "No"; he was born in Corinth, New York, in April of 1938, one of six children, and lives on the land where he grew up; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1959, John Randall married his wife and together they had three children; it was when his wife passed away in 1999, he began volunteering; he came into the senior center for lunch and started helping out; and

**WHEREAS,** At first, he began by assisting with meal preparation, but

it was not long before he was also delivering the meals; and

**WHEREAS,** John Randall's advice for other New Yorkers regarding volunteering is to "get out and help other people. Especially older people. You may be the only person they see that day. It's good exercise and keeps you young. The greatest reward for volunteering is making other people happy."; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John Randall has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** John Randall, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his 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 honor John Randall upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 21, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Randall.