

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Anna Swalgin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021 Oneida County Older American Award by the Oneida County Department of Family and Community Services 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anna Swalgin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021 Oneida County Older American Award by the Oneida County Department of Family and Community Services Office for the Aging to be celebrated on Friday, November 5, 2021; 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, An active role model in her community of Sherrill, New York, Anna Swalgin is truly a woman of great faith, regularly attending the Plymouth Alliance Church, where she is involved in Bible studies and assists with teaching young children; and

WHEREAS, Anna Swalgin is known throughout her local community as an angel for the countless generous acts of kindness she performs for her beloved neighbors at Noyes Manor Apartments where she resides; every holiday and every birthday this devoted woman provides cards and warm cheer to all 80 plus residents; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she can often be found baking treats to share with her neighbors or maintain the birthday board she created near the community leasing office to ensure all residents' special days are celebrated; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman is also a talented decorator and skillfully creates center pieces for the community room tables for all to enjoy, making sure to change the theme depending on the holiday and season; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Anna Swalgin graciously offered to care for the dog of one of her neighbors who fell ill; she eventually became the dog's loving owner; this huge act of love, kindness and sacrifice is a true testament to her incredible character; and

WHEREAS, Prior to retirement, Anna Swalgin was employed in an extremely noble profession, working for Madison Cortland ARC where she enjoyed a fulfilling career and was a blessing to many lives; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Anna Swalgin has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Anna Swalgin, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of her family and friends through her love and respect for others, 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 Anna Swalgin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021 Oneida County Older American Award, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Swalgin.