

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Nat Virkler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2020 Randy Streeter Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the Lewis County 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the senior citizens of the Empire State who, as they reach the fullness of years, continue to be active and vital participants in the life of 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 Nat Virkler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2020 Randy Streeter Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the Lewis County Office for the Aging, to be recognized at its Older New Yorker's Day Celebration, on Friday, October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Nat Virkler, a former pastor, has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and, consequently, has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Nat Virkler has given tirelessly of his time and energies to several local organizations including the First Presbyterian Church in Lowville, New York, where he has meticulously maintained the grounds for 10 years, utilizing all of his own equipment; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this extraordinary man has spent countless hours driving residents of his community to vital appointments and has brought meals to those who were unable to leave their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Nat Virkler has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Nat Virkler has enriched the lives of his family, friends and colleagues through his love and respect for others, and through the wisdom which comes from many years of living life to the fullest; 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, this tribute to

Nat Virkler, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nat Virkler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2020 Randy Streeter Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the Lewis County Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nat Virkler.