

Assembly Resolution No. 353

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HONORING Dr. Christina Liepke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021 Amelia Earhart Woman of Achievement Award by the Zonta Club of Oswego on June 15, 2021

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devoted themselves to the welfare of the 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 honor Dr. Christina Liepke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021 Amelia Earhart Woman of Achievement Award by the Zonta Club of Oswego, to be celebrated virtually on Tuesday, June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Since 1985, the Zonta Club of Oswego has presented this prestigious award to a woman who has dedicated herself to her community and who serves as a role model for young women; Dr. Christina Liepke is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christina Liepke has been the Medical Director of the Oswego County Health Department since 2014; in this capacity, she provides guidance on all medical aspects of the department's operations and serves as a liaison between the health department and the medical community; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she works closely with the Hospice program where she is part of the interdisciplinary team which provides supportive services to patients and their families at the end of life and throughout the grieving process; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Christina Liepke's work at the Oswego County Health Department rose to a new level; she was responsible for keeping local healthcare providers up to date on COVID-19 trends and served as the County's point person for local school district officials, responding to their many questions and concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christina Liepke has also been a fierce advocate for the department's frontline healthcare workers, promoting self-care to prevent mental and physical exhaustion during these challenging times; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her esteemed role with the Oswego County Health Department, Dr. Christina Liepke has practiced at Port City Family Medicine since 2005; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Dr. Christina Liepke served as a member of the Oswego County

Board of Health and the Oswego Community Christian School Board; she also volunteered with Reach Out, ASCEND, SCHope, and at the Hilltop Pediatric Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christina Liepke has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Resident Teacher Award from the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine; and

WHEREAS, A truly humble and generous woman of indomitable faith and dedication, Dr. Christina Liepke grew up in the Syracuse, New York area; after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Elmira College in 1996, she went on to earn a medical degree from the SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dr. Matthew Liepke, who is a Colonel in the Army National Guard, and their two children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 Dr. Christina Liepke, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Christina Liepke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2019 Amelia Earhart Woman of Achievement Award by the Zonta Club of Oswego; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Christina Liepke.