

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Jane Ondich upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 14, 2024

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 Jane Ondich upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorker's Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 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, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to giving back, Jane Ondich encourages others to consider volunteering, emphasizing the profound impact it can have on both individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, From her involvement with AmeriCorps Seniors to assisting citizenship classes at Syracuse Community Connections, Jane Ondich's passion for helping others shines through; and

WHEREAS, Originally hailing from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jane Ondich's journey led her to settle in Chittenango, New York in 1974, where she embarked on a 36-year teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Jane Ondich embraces travel as an opportunity to connect with family scattered across the country; and

WHEREAS, Jane Ondich emphasizes her motivation to serve without seeking recognition; for her, volunteering is not just about the tasks, but about the connections made and the warmth of knowing she's made a difference in someone's life; and

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

WHEREAS, Jane Ondich, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her 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 Jane Ondich upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 14, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jane Ondich.