

Senate Resolution No. 1728

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Eve Ann Schwartz upon the occasion of her retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to the Town of Hamilton, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eve Ann Schwartz upon the occasion of her retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to the Town of Hamilton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised on her family's beef and dairy farm in Earlville, New York, Eve Ann Schwartz attended Hamilton Central Schools, received a BA in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, and earned her JD from Northeastern University School of Law in 1982; and

WHEREAS, After completing law school, Eve Ann Schwartz decided to return to her family farm with her husband, Harmon Hoff; after being admitted to the New York State Bar in 1985, she opened a general law practice in the Village of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Eve Ann Schwartz sold her law practice to focus on the family farm and raising her two beloved children, Sasha and Jesse; and

WHEREAS, Drawn to public service, Eve Ann Schwartz was elected to serve a four-year term on the Hamilton Town Council in 1993, where she was tasked with heading Hamilton's Long Range Planning Committee and adopting the Town of Hamilton's first Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Eve Ann Schwartz became the executive director of the Partnership for Community Development in 2002, and during her tenure she successfully initiated community music and arts festivals, created a small business assistance program and the Hamilton Business Alliance, obtained grant funds to create a Greater Hamilton Economic Development plan, assisted in updating the Town's zoning laws, and launched a restoration program that renovated 16 buildings and storefronts in her community; and

WHEREAS, After four years leading the Partnership for Community Development, Eve Ann Schwartz left her position in the organization to return to her family's beef business, which boasted 75 heads of Black Angus beef and sold its products at farmer's markets in Central New York and New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Eve Ann Schwartz also helped to create and served as co-chair of STOP NYRI, a citizen's group which helped advocate

against a 200-mile electrical transmission line; and

WHEREAS, Filled with a strong desire to return to public service, Eve Ann Schwartz was elected to serve as the town supervisor for the Town of Hamilton in 2011; in this position, she focused on economic development, environmental affairs, government operations, and much more; and

WHEREAS, For the past 14 years, Eve Ann Schwartz rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Town of Hamilton and her local community; in her capacity as town supervisor, Eve Ann Schwartz served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her official duties, Eve Ann Schwartz proudly represented the Town of Hamilton on the Madison County Board of Supervisors, and was an active member of the Madison County Agricultural Economic Development Committee, the New York State Farm Bureau, and the Southern Madison County Gas Coalition steering committee; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Eve Ann Schwartz was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During her long career and decades of community involvement, Eve Ann Schwartz earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues and fellow community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eve Ann Schwartz upon the occasion of her retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to the Town of Hamilton, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eve Ann Schwartz.