

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Linda Brown and Brenda Patch upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Clayton Citizen of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Linda Brown and Brenda Patch for their ceaseless, dedicated service to the Clayton Community; and

WHEREAS, Sisters Linda Brown and Brenda Patch are recipients of the 2012 Clayton Citizen of the Year Award, and will be honored at a dinner reception on June 20, 2012, at the Cerow Recreation Park Arena; and

WHEREAS, The Clayton Citizen of the Year Award is given to a citizen or citizens of Clayton who participated in worthwhile community activities and projects, the effectiveness of the contributions made, leadership and organizational qualities, and loyalty to the community and our country; and

WHEREAS, The community involvement of Linda Brown and Brenda Patch is numerous and varied including service to the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, involvement with local museums and food pantries, and with the Grindstone Island United Methodist Church, where they are lifelong members; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brown and Brenda Patch have participated in many endeavors on behalf of their community such as Clayton's Annual Christmas Parade, The Grindstone Island Research and Heritage Center's yearly Schoolhouse calendar fundraiser, and the annual planting of flowers each Memorial Day Weekend on the graves of those Grindstone Islanders who have no family left, carrying on a tradition started by their great grandmothers; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brown and Brenda Patch are most noted for their work on behalf of the annual Grindstone Island Quilt Show, consisting of over one hundred precisely stitched quilts, hand crafted by Grindstone Island ladies or their ancestors which tell stories of hardship, love and tradition, the proceeds of which benefit several organizations; and

WHEREAS, The benevolent efforts and spirit of generosity of these remarkable women serve as an inspiration to all of us; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when persons of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Linda Brown and Brenda Patch upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Clayton Citizen of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Brown and Brenda Patch.