

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Judith McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Community Leader of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Judith McLaughlin has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Judith McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Community Leader of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet, to be held on Friday, March 28, 2014, at the Best Western Banquet Room, Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the cooperative efforts of the business and residential community in preserving the quality, character, and vitality of business in the County of Schoharie and, each year, proudly honors those individuals within the community, such as Judith McLaughlin, who help to further these goals; and

WHEREAS, Judith McLaughlin served as executive director of Schoharie County Child Development Council (SCCDC) from 1993 to 2014; she holds a bachelor's degree in Human Services, as well as a master's degree in Liberal Studies; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Judith McLaughlin administered and managed more than 100 employees in the successful implementation of such programs as Head Start, Early Head Start, and universal pre-kindergarten where she truly touched the lives of countless children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Currently the managing editor for Heart Springs Press, a non-profit publishing company which is a part of SCCDC, Judith McLaughlin designs, edits and markets e-books and paperbacks including DINOSAUR SEASONS and DINOSAUR CURRICULUM; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is the author of SACRED FEMININE, a book which examines the role of culture and religion in Spanish Colonial artwork of the American Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Judith McLaughlin has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Judith McLaughlin serves as a founding board member of Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT Disaster Recovery), and the Communitywide Christmas Collaboration, which provides for Schoharie County's children during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she has served on numerous boards, some of which include SCCAP, SCASA, SUNY Early Childhood Department NAEYC Credentialing Board, CCSI, Early Release Commission and Community Maternity Services; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Judith McLaughlin has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dan Godfrey, their four children, Erin, Rebecca, Briana (Reis) and Ryan (Therese), and two grandchildren, Aydan and Sia, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Judith McLaughlin has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Judith McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Community Leader of the Year Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Judith McLaughlin.