

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Cold Spring Lions Club, and honoring Betty Budney upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition on March 28, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 organizations and individuals who would devote 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 commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Cold Spring Lions Club, and honor Betty Budney upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition, to be celebrated with a Gala Dinner and Dance on Friday, March 28, 2014, at the Dutchess Manor, Beacon, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Cold Spring Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world; Lions Club International is an organization deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Cold Spring Lions Club and the entire Lions Organization is to evaluate the needs within the community, without regard to politics, religion or race, and to support humanitarian projects in response to those needs; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1939, the Cold Spring Lions Club has been actively serving the Philipstown community since its inception; and

WHEREAS, The Cold Spring Lions Club focuses its energies on various community activities, and has been instrumental in the restoration of the dock area, Tot Park, and the Haldane graduation knoll; the organization also offered much needed assistance after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; and

WHEREAS, In addition the Cold Spring Lions Club collects eye glasses, assists less fortunate community members with eye exams and glasses, and makes contributions to The Guiding Eyes for the Blind of Yorktown, Sight First and other related organizations; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually-impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 international convention; and

WHEREAS, The Cold Spring Lions Club sponsors the Children's Holiday Wish List each year; this extraordinary program organizes many local volunteers by making food baskets and delivering toys and clothes during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, Chair of the Children's Holiday Wish List, Betty Budney, joined the Lions Club in 1989 and is one of the Club's first female members; her ambition saw her lead the Lions as a past president of the Club, and she has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, the highest honor the Lions Club International can bestow on a member; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Betty Budney is also the proud recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, Betty Budney began serving as Councilwoman on the Philipstown Town Board in 1989, and is the first woman to be elected to the Town Board; in her 25 years as a member of the Town Board she served as the board liaison to the Highway Department and Recycling Center, and has taken a special interest in the upkeep and preservation of the Town's cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, During this time, the Councilwoman was a member and past president of the Cold Spring Lions Club, and has served as the chair of

the LionsSee Committee, Holiday Wish List Committee, and Food Basket for the Needy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Along with her husband, the late Mackey Budney, and daughters, Lion Cathy Greenough, Mary Jo Knapp, and Denise Brewer, Betty Budney gave tirelessly of her efforts and time to the Cold Spring Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Although recently retired, Betty Budney vows she will continue to serve the residents of Philipstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and 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; and

WHEREAS, The Cold Spring Lions Club is destined to continue its noble mission of service to the community, and to the world, exemplifying the ideals of Lions Club International for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Cold Spring Lions Club, and honor Betty Budney upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition on March 28, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Cold Spring Lions Club and Betty Budney.