

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ruth and the late Carl Schoenacker upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Henry C. Welles Award by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ruth and the late Carl Schoenacker upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Henry C. Welles Award by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a reception on Friday, May 22, 2015, at the Waterloo Library and Historical Society, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Henry C. Welles Award was established in 2008 by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society to honor a citizen of Waterloo who, through tireless effort and many hours of uncompensated time, has made Waterloo a better place to live, work, worship, understand and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Schoenacker has consistently contributed her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given freely of her time and talents; and

WHEREAS, When the Waterloo Library and Historical Society reorganized its Terwilliger Museum, Ruth and Carl Schoenacker gave tirelessly of their time and energies to take on this monumental project; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Schoenacker's illustrious career as a Home Economics teacher in Romulus, New York gave her the expertise necessary to properly wash, iron, mend and store each of the museum's clothing items; in addition, she created padded hanger coverings to ensure that delicate period clothing could be hung without damage; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Carl Schoenacker was instrumental in reorganizing Terwilliger Museum's two floors of exhibit space, where he created and built new walls and display panels; in addition, while a member of the Board of Trustees, Carl took over the publication of the Society's newsletter; and

WHEREAS, As an esteemed veteran of the Second World War, Carl Schoenacker valiantly served in the Mediterranean where his ship, the HMS Rohna, was torpedoed and he spent several long days and nights in the water; although this catastrophic event was originally unacknowledged, thanks to Carl's steadfast and unwavering efforts, a very special exhibit detailing the sinking of the HMS Rohna was established at the National Memorial Day Museum; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ruth and Carl Schoenacker stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout their lives have been their three sons, Irving, Frank and Terry, as well as their five grandchildren, Kevin, Steven, Adam, Ian and Terry, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of Carl and Ruth's lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Ruth and Carl Schoenacker both displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 Ruth and the late Carl Schoenacker upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Henry C. Welles Award by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth Schoenacker.