

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Estelle Adelman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Harry Yates Volunteer of the Year Award by the Orchard Park Historical Society on June 11, 2018

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Estelle Adelman who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Estelle Adelman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Harry Yates Volunteer of the Year Award by the Orchard Park Historical Society, to be celebrated at its Annual Summer Picnic on Monday, June 11, 2018, at Hillcrest Fire Company, Orchard Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Harry Yates Volunteer of the Year Award is given annually to a member of the Orchard Park Historical Society who has shown true dedication to the organization and has actively contributed to the welfare of the society; Estelle Adelman is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, A native of Long Island and a graduate of the SUNY Oswego, Estelle Adelman moved to Orchard Park from Baldwinsville, New York, with her now-late husband, Fritz, in 1969; a mother of four, she was a substitute teacher in the Orchard Park School District until 1983; and

WHEREAS, Estelle Adelman began her long and dedicated career serving her community in 1990, when she started volunteering at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church as a publicist on the outreach commission; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Estelle Adelman wrote articles and monitored shut-ins, sending them holiday cards at Christmas and Easter; she also planned welcoming receptions for new church members and served as the wardrobe manager for the church's annual Journey to Bethlehem celebration; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Estelle Adelman has volunteered with the American Red Cross, Upstate New York Transplant Services and the Erie County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, after 13 years of transporting members of the community to doctor and dentist appointments, shopping and social events, Estelle Adelman retired from her volunteer position as a driver for the Rural Transit Service in 2016; and

WHEREAS, For 28 years, Estelle Adelman has been a member of the Friends of the Orchard Park Library, where she supervises the rare and out-of-print book sales and assists in many of the library's

initiatives; additionally, she was instrumental in securing underwriting for the digitization of more than 30 years' worth of Orchard Park newspapers, which can now be accessed on library computers; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman has served the Orchard Park Historical Society for nearly two decades, during which time she has been involved in just about every aspect of the society, including serving as secretary, chairing the annual lawn sale, organizing a quilt show, the Jolls Baby Bash and acting as a docent during open house events at the Jolls House Museum; and

WHEREAS, Estelle Adelman remains present at the biannual housecleaning events at the Jolls House Museum and worked to establish the celebration of Millie Michelfelder's birthday in 2016; she has also been a driving force behind the society's annual entry in the Erie County Fair Historical Buildings contest; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2012, Estelle Adelman coordinated the dedication of a new headstone at the Duells Corners Cemetery for Revolutionary War veteran Corporal Jotham Bemus Jr.; she most recently coordinated the exhibit, Honoring All Who Served, at the Orchard Park Library during the 2017 Veterans Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Estelle Adelman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Estelle Adelman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Harry Yates Volunteer of the Year Award by the Orchard Park Historical Society on June 11, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Estelle Adelman.