

Senate Resolution No. 1364

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** Jane Domingue upon the occasion of her induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame on November 6, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of their areas; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jane Domingue upon the occasion of her induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Thursday, November 6, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** The Oneida County History Center, a private not-for-profit educational institution, is dedicated to preserving the history, heritage, and culture of the Greater Mohawk Valley for present and future generations; through its annual Historical Hall of Fame and Living Legends Celebration, it recognizes exemplary citizens whose leadership and compassion have profoundly impacted the region; and

**WHEREAS,** A distinguished member of the 2025 class of Living Legends, Jane Domingue of Utica, New York, is a visionary youth advocate and educator whose enduring commitment to children and families has transformed lives and strengthened her community; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Woodside, Queens, Jane Domingue earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Fordham University in 1968; she began her career as a devoted kindergarten and first-grade teacher, ultimately serving at St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's School until its closure in 1986; and

**WHEREAS,** Deeply moved by the challenges faced by many of her students from disadvantaged backgrounds, Jane Domingue founded the After Three Bunch, an afterschool program that provided meals, enrichment activities, and academic support; and

**WHEREAS,** Her compassionate initiative grew into Thea Bowman House, established in 1996 and inspired by Sister Thea Bowman's enduring legacy of diversity, service, and faith; as executive director for nearly 30 years, Jane Domingue has guided Thea Bowman House in serving almost 300 children daily, offering a nurturing environment that celebrates inclusion and community; and

**WHEREAS,** Beyond her leadership at Thea Bowman House, Jane Domingue has actively contributed to numerous community and church organizations, and she was a founding board member of both New Horizons Shelter and Hope House, further reflecting her unwavering dedication to social

justice and human dignity; and

**WHEREAS,** Through her vision, compassion, and tireless advocacy, Jane Domingue has created a lasting legacy of opportunity and hope for generations of families in the Mohawk Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud those individuals whose lifework exemplifies the highest ideals of humanity, and whose actions foster stronger, more caring communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jane Domingue upon the occasion of her induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, honoring her extraordinary leadership, compassion, and service to the people of Oneida County and beyond; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jane Domingue.