

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Judy Parker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 27, 2025

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Judy Parker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers' Day program on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Albany: The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Judy Parker has been a devoted member of her community and county for over 57 years; she began her life of volunteerism by serving on various committees at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in 1968; she later proudly coordinated and expanded Morrisville, New York's Christmas project; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed honoree, Judy Parker, is the vice president of the non-profit known as the Hazel L. Carpenter Home, Inc. in Oneida, New York; she has also given of her time serving as a six-year board member for the Children's Center at Morrisville State College, as past coordinator of the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program, and as the current co-coordinator for the Friendship Inn in Morrisville; and

WHEREAS, Judy Parker currently serves as chair of the Village of Morrisville Zoning Board of Appeals; she formerly worked as volunteer coordinator for Madison County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a remedial reading teacher at Morrisville-Eaton schools and TCE coordinator; and

WHEREAS, At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Judy Parker sewed masks to donate to others in need, truly showcasing her unwavering commitment to her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, In her leisure, Judy Parker enjoys organizing gatherings for bridge players--new and experienced--fostering a sense of community and camaraderie in the process; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more

visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two beloved children and two cherished grandchildren, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, Judy Parker, an active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Judy Parker upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 27, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Judy Parker.