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## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2016 A.D.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 1st day of September, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Bechtel has spent her entire life dedicating her time and energy to riding and working with horses, which made N.C. Bechtel Stables a fixture of the Clarence community for nearly 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Bechtel got her start as a protégée of Ford Roy in Williamsville, and her hard work led to her competing in the American Grand Prix in 1955, one of the first international show jumping competitions to be held in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Bechtel quickly rose to show jumping prominence after the purchase of her thoroughbred, Hi-Jack; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Bechtel and Roy made the move to Clarence in September 1969, and where Nancy took the stable reins over after Roy retired and converted the ranch to N.C. Bechtel Stables; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Bechtel retired in July 2016, and celebrated her life and 40-year equestrian career with more than 115 people in attendance at the Tonawanda Pavilion, which included students, riders, and trainers who worked alongside Bechtel over the years.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge

## *Nancy Bechtel*

on her retirement after 40 years in the equestrian field and having shared her many talents and passion for horses with the community.

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Edward A. Rath, III  
Erie County Legislator, 6<sup>th</sup> District

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Karen M. McCarthy  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature