

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 20, 2020 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS,** *almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on January 1, 2020, removed from our midst Adella Cook, in whose death we have lost a community servant, a valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and*

**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,** *Adella Cook was born in the Town of Evans, New York in 1936, later becoming a graduate of Lake Shore High School and eventually earning a master's degree in economics from the University of Buffalo in 1972; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adella Cook's family included her husband, Richard Cook Jr., a son, four daughters, thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adella Cook owned and operated the Bennett Shore Refreshment Stand and Cabins in Angola on the Lake, with her husband; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adella Cook served as the Town of Evans property assessor for eight years and later was elected to serve two terms as Evans Supervisor in the early 1980s; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adella Cook established the Evans National Business and Professional Women's Week and the Angola-Lakeshore Alumni Weekend, as well as seeing improvements to the Sturgeon Point Marina, the arrival of cable television, town-wide garbage pickup and the purchase of a building for the senior center; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adella Cook was a tireless volunteer, serving on many boards and committees including the Lake Shore Hospital Auxiliary, Steepleview Housing, Friendship House, and Community Concern of Western New York, in addition to helping to establish the Evans Senior Services Program which served more than 600 elderly residents of the Town of Evans and surrounding towns; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adella Cook was named Woman of the Year and Public Servant of the Year by the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen in 1983, and Citizen of the Year by the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce in 1991, and inducted onto the Lake Shore High School Wall of Fame in 2009.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and remember Adella Cook for her numerous contributions to the Town of Evans and surrounding communities.*

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**JOHN J. MILLS**  
*Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District*

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**ROBERT M. GRABER**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*