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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph M. Fowler upon the occasion of receiving the Service Above Self Award from the Walden Rotary Club on June 18, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph M. Fowler upon the occasion of receiving the Service Above Self Award from the Walden Rotary Club at a dinner to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge in Coldenham, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Joseph M. Fowler has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 19, 1932, Joseph M. Fowler earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hope College, Holland, Michigan, in 1954; while an undergraduate, he was active in both his fraternity and track; and

WHEREAS, In 1955, Joseph M. Fowler returned to Walden, New York, and joined his father, C. Fred Fowler at Walden Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Wanting to further his education, Joseph M. Fowler returned to school and obtained his Master of Arts degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, after 27 years of service, Joseph M. Fowler retired and sold the Walden Insurance Agency; having always had a passion for learning and an even greater enthusiasm for encouraging others in their

exploration of learning, Joseph began a second career teaching at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Joseph M. Fowler connects quickly and naturally to bright, young minds and helps them achieve more than they ever thought possible and after an extraordinary tenure he retired from teaching in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Always holding a strong affinity for the lakes of Sullivan County, New York, Joseph M. Fowler relocated to Black Lake in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Joseph M. Fowler has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, As a distinguished member of the Rotary, service above self has always figured prominently in the life of Joseph M. Fowler; helping and organizing numerous events, from beauty contests in the 1950s, pancake breakfasts in the 1960s, and battle of the bands in the 1970s, he has worked tirelessly for the good causes championed by Rotary; and

WHEREAS, During the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joseph M. Fowler has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife; Bernice, their four children, Aleta, Nick, Jane and Tim, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joseph M. Fowler has displayed throughout his 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph M. Fowler upon the occasion of receiving the Service Above Self Award from the Walden Rotary Club on June 18, 2009; and be it

further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph M. Fowler.