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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael C. Hayes for his dedicated community leadership

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Michael C. Hayes for his dedicated community leadership on June 1, 2009, at the Old Guard Reunited Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The son of Paul and Wilma Hayes, Michael C. Hayes was born in Fair Haven, Vermont on October 11, 1938 and grew up in Putnam, New York; he moved to Ticonderoga in 1951, and graduated from Ticonderoga High School, where he lettered in all sports and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, After attending Ithaca College, Michael C. Hayes enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961, and was stationed at Evreux Air Force Base in France and Lockborne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Michael C. Hayes returned to upstate New York after being discharged from the Air Force in 1965, and began working for Transport Handling of Albany; he and his family moved to Glens Falls in 1967, where he worked as a sales representative for R.J. Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Michael C. Hayes purchased Daggett Vending along with his good friend and partner, Ben Patrick, whom he bought out 10 years later to become the sole proprietor of the business; he sold the company to the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Michael C. Hayes formed Hayes Amusements in 1980, which is

still owned and operated by his two sons, and further expanded his business interests in 1983, by forming Adirondack Coffee Service, which was sold to Vermont Pure in 1998; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Michael C. Hayes formed Saratoga Vending, which is now known as Evergreen Vending and located in southern Vermont; he also founded and later sold Volt Landscaping and was involved in several area real estate transactions; and

WHEREAS, While he was actively involved in numerous businesses in the region, Michael C. Hayes also had strong sporting interests; he was player, owner and coach of the legendary Patrick's Basketball Team, which held its annual Invitational Tournament in Glens Falls from 1969 to 1980, when the Continental Basketball Association offered him a franchise in the area; and

WHEREAS, During the 1980s, Michael C. Hayes was involved in horse racing for a short period of time, when he owned several trotters and pacers; he currently owns five horses and his love of horses was transferred to the famous north country breed known as Morgans; and

WHEREAS, Although Michael C. Hayes loved all sports, his passion was golf; even though he was a low handicap player, he found promoting the game captured his interest the most; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Glens Falls Country Club since 1976, Michael C. Hayes founded the very popular Super Tuesday Golf Tournament in 1983, which attracted more than 750 participants each year, and the Adirondack Team Challenge Golf Tournament, which brought together the best golfers in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael C. Hayes also founded the October Cup, which invited area golf professionals to an annual match against the best amateurs, and the Donald Ross Cup, which pitted Junior members against Senior

members of Glens Falls Country Club in a weekend of strong competition since 1986; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael C. Hayes displayed his promotional

skills and love of golf during the numerous trips that he organized beginning in 1976 to golfing meccas such as Myrtle Beach, Pinehurst, Hilton Head and the Tournament Players Championship; and WHEREAS, Michael C. Hayes was one of the founders of the Ticonderoga Alumni Association, and organized its first fund raising efforts with an alumni golf tournament which has become a major highlight of the summer golf season and led to the original Alumni Extravaganza; he further displayed his love of the region by his development of 5 Nations Golf Ranch; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation for his many contributions to the Ticonderoga community and the surrounding areas, Michael C. Hayes was the recipient of the Special Service Award by the Ticonderoga Alumni Association; and WHEREAS, With Michael C. Hayes throughout have been his wife of more than 40 years, Sally, their two sons, Jamie and Mickey, four grandchildren, Cameron Marie, Samantha Lynn, Emma Wickes and Lance Michael, and his three sisters, Peggy Powvorznik, Pat LaBonte and Mary Ravida, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 Michael C. Hayes for his dedicated community leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael C. Hayes.