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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Comptroller Edward George upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the City of Geneva

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Comptroller Edward George upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the City of Geneva; and

WHEREAS, He officially retired from his position as Comptroller on Friday, January 3, 2014, and a reception was held in his honor at the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Geneva, New York, Edward George grew up as the only child of Anna and Harry George; he graduated from Geneva High in 1970; he went on to further his education and received a degree in business administration from Alfred University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, After college, Edward George returned home and accepted a job with the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, working part-time at Finger Lakes Race Track in Farmington, New York, from 1975 until 1978; and

WHEREAS, Wanting a full time position, Edward George applied for the position of Deputy City Comptroller; subsequently, he was hired on December 28, 1978, beginning his illustrious career with the City of Geneva; George worked as Deputy Comptroller until being named Comptroller on April 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Edward George worked with or for six city

managers, four fire chiefs, three police chiefs and 11-12 mayors; he helped the city manage its finances, but mostly enjoyed interacting with the people who came to City Hall to pay their taxes, water and sewer bills, or traffic tickets; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Edward George served with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, As Comptroller, Edward George knew a lot about municipal law; he was successful in looking for a solution, rather than complain about a problem; he leaves the City of Geneva in stable fiscal health, with several years of the same tax rate, manageable debt, positive economic development and city-sponsored programs such as the Lakefront Visitors and Events Center; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Edward George will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathy, and their two children, Michael and Kelly, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Edward George has plans to travel with his wife, as well as volunteer at local nursing homes and assisted living centers; realizing many residents have no one to visit them, volunteering provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened, something he feels strongly about which came from visiting his parents when they were in a nursing home; 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 Edward George upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward George.