

## 2013-J2990

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George Gertz upon the occasion of his retirement after six years of distinguished public service to the Town of Marilla

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor George Gertz upon the occasion of his retirement after six years of distinguished public service to the Town of Marilla; and

WHEREAS, Beginning as Councilman, George Gertz officially retired from the esteemed position of Supervisor on Tuesday, December 31, 2013; he continues to serve as an active member of the Manilla Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, George Gertz was instrumental in the remodeling of the Community Center and Marilla Town Hall; in addition, the town received a HUD grant to raze a burnt building across from the Town Hall, turning the area into a beautiful landscape and sitting area with benches donated by local clubs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the pavilion honoring war veterans has been cleaned and rebuilt, and the Historical Society will relocate to a new and spacious home on West Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of George Gertz, the finalization of a Farmland Protection Plan was approved on December 18, 2013;

this will act as a guide to control the growth of subdivisions and develop land, while keeping agriculture a major industry in town; and WHEREAS, For the past six years, George Gertz rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Town of Marilla, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by George Gertz over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Sharon who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor George Gertz upon the occasion of his retirement after six years of distinguished public service to the Town of Manilla; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George Gertz.