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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Norman Duttweiler upon the occasion of his retirement as Producing Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse after 22 years of dedicated service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment, education and entertainment of their community and the State of New York and beyond; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Norman Duttweiler upon the occasion of his retirement as Producing Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse after 22 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1947, Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest continuously operating professional summer theatre in New York State, and is the cornerstone of the rich heritage in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Norman Duttweiler began his illustrious career in theater as an actor at the Surflight Summer Theatre; he subsequently appeared in stock and regional productions, as well as on Broadway in the long running revival of "Oh! Calcutta!"; and

WHEREAS, In addition, his appearance as Jackie Manchester in the Richard Benner film "Too Outrageous", earned him rave reviews in the NEW YORK POST; and

WHEREAS, In the 1980s, Norman Duttweiler took a hiatus from the theater, during which time he earned an MBA from the Stern School at New York University, and a Wall Street career as Director of Information Systems for one of the most prestigious law firms; and

WHEREAS, Norman Duttweiler has been Producing Director at Forestburgh Playhouse since he opened the 45th Anniversary season of the Playhouse

on June 16, 1992; over the past 22 years, he has presented more than 200 productions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Norman Duttweiler focused on increasing the subscriber base, improving the quality of the product, repairing and renovating the physical plant, and building the quality and morale of the staff, all of which has led to the continued success of Forestburgh Playhouse; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he developed children's theater and workshops, and established the non-profit Forestburgh Theatre Arts Center to administer the day-to-day operations of the venue; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Norman Duttweiler, Forestburgh Playhouse has continued to offer its own unique version of summer theatre to audiences of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization, they are central to human expression; they enlighten us and inspire the imagination; individuals and organizations which further such worthy purposes richly merit the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Norman Duttweiler upon the occasion of his retirement as Producing Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse after 22 years of dedicated service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Norman Duttweiler.