

## 2013-J3667

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Frank Proto for his years of distinguished service as a member of the Tompkins County Legislature serving Caroline and Danby from 1985-2013

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding citizens of New York State who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Our local governments, our state and our nation have been strengthened by generations of Americans who felt a sense of responsibility to their community, to one another and to their families; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend such a distinguished public servant, Frank Proto, for his years of distinguished service as a member of the Tompkins County Legislature serving Caroline and Danby from 1985-2013; and

WHEREAS, Since 1985, Frank Proto has served on the legislature, and was vice chairman of the board of representatives in 1986 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his service as chairman of the rural affairs committee as well as other committees, Frank Proto provided oversight for the new Tompkins County airport, promoted public library reading rooms for smaller municipalities, and built a stronger understanding of rural communities; he also helped frame the farmland protection plan; and

WHEREAS, Frank Proto served for many years as chairman of both the health and human services committee and the solid waste committee during the years when its programs were re-evaluated; during this time, the landfill was closed, and new, innovative programs were successfully developed to reduce the waste stream and fiscal and environmental costs to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, He has served on the boards of many local organizations, some of which include: Hospicare, BOCES, Cayuga Medical Center, both Tompkins County Public Library and Board of Health, and the Brooktondale Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Today, Frank Proto continues his work for the community as a member of the boards of Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT), the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Slaterville Ambulance, Inc., and chairman of the water resources council; and

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of the Empire State, there have emerged certain public servants of truly magnanimous conduct and bearing; we call these individuals "distinguished citizens" of the State of New York; 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 commend Frank Proto for his years of distinguished service as a member of the Tompkins County Legislature serving Caroline and Danby from 1985-2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Proto.