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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William Holicky upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to The House of the Good Shepherd

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 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 William Holicky upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to The House of the Good Shepherd, to be celebrated with a Retirement Party in his honor on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at The Sadaquada Golf Club, Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 37 years, William Holicky, affectionately known as Bill, rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to The House of the Good Shepherd; and

WHEREAS, The House of the Good Shepherd began when a small group of concerned men and women gathered on February 8, 1872, to discuss the growing number of orphans and the disruption of family life during the post-Civil War period; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, The House of the Good Shepherd has grown and evolved into a Sanctuary certified institution, with less than 50 in the world; under the luminous direction of Bill Holicky, The House continues its historical commitment to address the needs of children, their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Executive Director, Bill Holicky served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Bill Holicky has shown a unique ability to lead The House of the Good Shepherd through challenging times and remain committed to the organization's mission of changing the lives of its children; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Bill Holicky has been instrumental in the success of The House of the Good Shepherd; in the mid-1980s, the organization partnered with Faxon St. Luke's Healthcare to purchase land and expand its services; this expansion included the growth of the foster care system in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, Today, more than 80 percent of children who receive services through The House of the Good Shepherd live in community-based family settings, including 200 in foster homes; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Bill Holicky was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with The House of the Good Shepherd, Bill Holicky earned 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 Bill Holicky over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor William Holicky upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to The House of the Good Shepherd; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Holicky.