

## 2013-J5926

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dennis Simmons upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame in October 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor

Dennis Simmons upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame; his outstanding accomplishments will be recognized in October 2014, at the 2014 Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet; and

WHEREAS, The Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame annually recognizes individuals educated in the Port Jervis City School District who have achieved personal success and have made significant contributions to society, thereby serving as role models to inspire current and future generations of Port Jervis students; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Simmons, Class of 1969, attended USMA-West Point, and graduated from SUNY Excelsior in 1981; for 32 years he worked at the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, serving in many capacities, including Acting Deputy Superintendent Reception Classification and Senior Correction Counselor; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Simmons is dedicated to his country and community; this active man served in the New York Air National Guard for 24 years, and is a member of Roosa-Fleming VFW Post No. 161 and American Legion Post No. 685; in addition, he is a member of the Port Jervis Fire Department Excelsior Engine Company No. 5, was a Councilman on the Port Jervis Common Council, and is a member of the Orange County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the 2014 Hall of Fame Class, Dennis Simmons' name, photo, and biography will be inscribed on a plaque and placed on permanent display at Port Jervis High School, an ever-present reminder to students of the doors opened by a strong education; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community, and demonstrate a long and sustained commitment to excellence, 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 Dennis Simmons upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dennis Simmons.