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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Town Historian John Percy upon the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of distinguished service to the Town of Tonawanda

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Town Historian John Percy upon the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of distinguished service to the Town of Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, John Percy rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service as Historian for the Town of Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man brought to his position an abiding commitment to his community, a background rich in experience, and a deep love of history that began long before his appointment as Town Historian in 1973; and

WHEREAS, With a deep sense of civic pride, John Percy helped revive the Tonawanda-Kenmore Historical Society, and has given historical presentations at schools and service organizations across Western New York about the area once known as "The Keystone of the Niagara Frontier"; and

WHEREAS, John Percy is the author of several books on the Tonawanda-Kenmore area, and most recently published *BUFFALO NIAGARA CONNECTIONS*, while teaching at Canisius College in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, John Percy highlighted local history and delighted in sharing his vast knowledge with both young and old; he was an invaluable resource for anyone with a desire to know more about the history of the Town of Tonawanda and its surrounding environs; and

WHEREAS, During his outstanding tenure as Town Historian, John Percy earned the admiration, esteem and affection of all of those whose lives he touched; 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 John Percy upon the occasion of his retirement as Town Historian after 41 years of distinguished service to the Town of Tonawanda, and to wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Percy.