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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mayor John S. Holden upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Village of Victor, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed public servants who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the 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 Mayor John S. Holden upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Village of Victor, New York, to be celebrated with a party held in his honor on Friday, March 27, 2015, at the Ravenwood Country Club, Victor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Elmira, New York, John S. Holden is a graduate of Mansfield University and SUNY Brockport; he also proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, John S. Holden moved to the Village of Victor, where he became an educator in the Gates Chili Central School District, teaching both fifth and sixth grade for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, John S. Holden became involved in politics in 1984, serving as a member of the Village of Victor Planning Board; he later served as its Chairperson from 1986-1992, and was elected to the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, John Holden was appointed Deputy Mayor of the Village of Victor in 1998, and subsequently, became Mayor following the untimely death of the then mayor; he won the election in 2006, and again in 2007 for a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mayor John S. Holden worked tirelessly to

serve the residents of the Village of Victor; his many notable accomplishments include reopening VictorWood Harlan Fisher Park, creating Mead Square Park, securing grants for road improvement, and providing affordable senior citizen housing in the village; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mayor John S. Holden was instrumental in the revitalization efforts to improve the downtown business district, as well as in updating the Village Code Book; he also worked with the Victor Fire Department to build a new village fire hall; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of his community, Mayor John S. Holden served as President of the Local Development Corporation; in this capacity, he helped secure significant funding, including a New York State Main Street Grant for building and streetscape restoration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John S. Holden faithfully served the people of the Village of Victor and will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, and keen sense of duty, as well as his unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Julie, their two children, John M. and Julie, and three grandchildren, Johnny, Jackson, and Alexandra, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Mayor John S. Holden upon the occasion of his retirement after

many years of distinguished service to the Village of Victor, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor John S. Holden.