

## 2015-J444

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending P. Earle Gleason upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency

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 commend P. Earle Gleason upon the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency, celebrated on January 31, 2015, at the John Costello American Legion Post 355, Yates County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's veterans hold a dutifully esteemed and respected place in the long histories of our communities, our states and the United States of America, where their past and present contributions, patriotism and service are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the strong fabric of community life; and

WHEREAS, Born in Guyanoga, New York, on January 21, 1947, P. Earle Gleason was drafted into the United States Army in 1968 and served with the 5/46th 198 L.I.B. Americal Division; and

WHEREAS, This valiant soldier served in the Vietnam War from 1968-1969, and was awarded a CIB (Combat Infantryman Badge) and a Bronze star; he was discharged with the esteemed rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Yates County resident, P. Earle Gleason began his career with Yates County in The Veterans' Service Agency on July 5, 1994, and was appointed to the position of Director, effective September 19th of that same year; and

WHEREAS, As Yates County Veterans' Service Agency Officer/Director for

more than two decades, P. Earle Gleason has made an enduring impact as a tireless advocate on behalf of the lives of many of Yates County's more than 2,000 veterans, as well as to the community-at-large through his dedicated work and his commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, P. Earle Gleason has been a guardian for two Rochester Honor Flights; in retirement, he plans to volunteer with this valuable organization in addition to volunteering his time at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, P. Earle Gleason was honored by 150,000 veteran members of the New York American Legion as the Service Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, P. Earle Gleason has embodied the deepest and truest ideals of citizenship through his sacrifices for our nation as a veteran, his long-standing commitment to fellow veterans, and his leadership within other organizations such as the American Legion, as well as his devotion to his community, including serving as Milo Town Councilman for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, P. Earle Gleason has lived by an exemplary code of service and enriched the lives of those around him through his lifelong sense of duty, his proud citizenship, and a deep and abiding commitment to the enduring, rewarding values of work and family; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, P. Earle Gleason was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend P. Earle Gleason upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Yates County Veterans' Service

Agency, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to P. Earle Gleason.