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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Walter Gable upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Walter Gable has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Walter Gable upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, January 23, 2015, at Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 16, 1946, to the late Irving James and Elma Sarah Gable in Seneca Falls, New York, Walter Gable graduated from Romulus Central School in 1964; he graduated Cum Laude from Syracuse University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he received a Master's degree from Syracuse University in 1972, and took additional course work at Bard College, St. Cloud Minnesota State College, Eisenhower College, SUNY Albany, Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Colonial Williamsburg Institute for Educators; and

WHEREAS, Walter Gable began his illustrious career in education as a Social Studies Teacher at Clarence Central School in 1968; just two years later, he earned a position as a Social Studies Teacher at Seneca Falls Central School, a title he held for three decades, including several years as a department chairperson; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Walter Gable began working as both an Adjunct Instructor and Supervisor of Student Teachers for Hobart and William Smith Colleges, as well as a contract Social Studies Consultant with the Office of Assessment in the New York State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Today, Walter Gable serves as a Seneca County Historian; in this capacity he has presented more than 40 programs to various schools and community groups in 2014 alone, and currently writes articles for the REVEILLE/BETWEEN THE LAKES, the FINGER LAKES TIMES, and TRI-VILLAGE ADVANTAGE PENNYSAVER; and

WHEREAS, In addition, in 2012, he wrote THE SENECA ARMY DEPOT: FIGHTING WARS FROM THE NEW YORK HOME FRONT, followed by SENECA COUNTY AND THE CIVIL WAR, in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Walter Gable has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Walter Gable has served as the President of the New York State Council for Social Studies, and is a current member of the Finger Lakes Antiques Club, the choir of the Seneca Falls United Methodist Church, the Seneca Singers vocal group, as well as member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Seneca Falls Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, A life member of the Historical Societies of Lodi, Ovid, and Interlaken, Walter Gable is also a member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Empire State Theatre and Musical Instrument Museum; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Walter Gable has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Walter Gable is the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include, the Mary Carden Special Service Award from the National Education Association of New York, the New York State Distinguished Social Studies Educator Award from the New York State

Council for Social Studies, and the Community Service Award from the Seneca Falls Convention Days Planning Committee; and  
WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Walter Gable has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Walter Gable has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Seneca Falls, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown 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 Walter Gable upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Walter Gable.