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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John K. Bartow, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the people of New York State

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great professionalism and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the residents of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John K. Bartow, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, John K. Bartow, Jr. was born in Buffalo, New York, and raised in several upstate New York communities; he earned advanced degrees in Environmental Studies from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Natural Resources Conservation from SUNY Morrisville; he also holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2004, John K. Bartow, Jr. was appointed Executive Director of the New York State Tug Hill Commission where he rendered professional, conscientious and valuable service to local governments, organizations, and residents of this special, rural region of northern New York State; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, John K. Bartow, Jr. oversaw the Tug Hill Commission's 40th Anniversary celebration, expanded attendance at its annual local government conference, and worked closely with the three state regional economic development councils which include parts of the Tug Hill region; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Tug Hill Commission, this esteemed man faithfully served as the New York State Department of State's Director of the Division of Local Government Services for eight years, and as the New York Appalachian Region Program Manager for four years; he also represented his department in the New York City Watershed Agreement, Adirondack Park and the Northern Forest regions; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, John K. Bartow, Jr. served as a Program Manager in the Department's Division of Coastal Resources, and served for two years in both the New York State Senate as a Research Analyst, and with the St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario Commission; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, John K. Bartow, Jr. was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, John K. Bartow, Jr. has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has graciously served on a number of governmental and non-governmental boards involved in community, civic and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Janet, their daughter, Jessmyn (Matthew), and his grandson, Charlie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John K. Bartow, Jr. has displayed throughout his life; 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 K. Bartow, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to citizens of New York State, and to wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John K. Bartow, Jr.