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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Fred H. Monroe upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Town of Chester

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fred H. Monroe upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Town of Chester, to be celebrated with a dinner held in his honor on Friday, January 29, 2016, at Jimbo's Club at the Point in Brant Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, A long-time resident of Chester, New York, Fred H. Monroe proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; after completing his military service, he returned to northern Warren County to practice law and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Fred H. Monroe became the Town Attorney for Chester, a position in which he ably served until 1988; and

WHEREAS, Elected to the position of Town Supervisor in 1992, Fred H. Monroe has been instrumental in the success of numerous new projects and initiatives which have led to a commercial, recreational and cultural revitalization of Chester and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Early in his political career, Fred H. Monroe helped found

the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, an organization which now exerts a substantial influence in public policy in the region and statewide; he also lent government support to the construction of a full-service, well-stocked library for town residents; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Regional Solid Waste Committee, Fred H. Monroe was instrumental in helping to negotiate new contracts with the owners of the bi-county trash burn plant which resulted in significant savings for area taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed civic leader has also overseen a number of environmental initiatives, including the battle against the spread of invasive species, whether through milfoil control programs, or his well-known advocacy of boat inspection and decontamination programs on local lakes; and

WHEREAS, After serving as Vice-Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors for many years, Fred H. Monroe assumed full Chairmanship duties during one of the most challenging economic periods in modern history; during this time, he was instrumental in cutting the size and expense of local government, paving the way for the current downtown revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Fred H. Monroe has been an integral part of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, where he has graciously served as its Executive Director since 2005; and

WHEREAS, A man of true integrity, Fred H. Monroe has led by example, serving the Town of Chester with distinction, enthusiasm, dedication and honor, and overseeing countless initiatives which have made his community a better and stronger place to live; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when public servants of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our

attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Fred H. Monroe upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Town of Chester, 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 Fred H. Monroe.