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Senate Resolution No. 2219

BY: Senator SEWARD

HONORING Scoutmaster Dr. John Foster upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to Troop 56, Lawyersville, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens 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 Scoutmaster Dr. John Foster upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to Troop 56, Lawyersville, New York, to be celebrated with a camping overnight May 28-29, 2017, at Camp Henderson, Maryland, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Foster 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 Professor of Fish Ecology at SUNY Cobleskill, Dr. John Foster has served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 56, Lawyersville, New York, for three decades; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Dr. John Foster has enthusiastically camped, hiked and paddled through adventures from Alaska to Yellowstone, from the Florida Keys to the Bay of Fundi; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Dr. John Foster, countless young men have learned outdoor skills while developing their character and leadership abilities in the Boy Scouts of America program; in addition, more than 35 of these young men have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. John Foster has stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humility; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. John Foster has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Dr. John Foster, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Scoutmaster Dr. John Foster upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to Troop 56, Lawyersville, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scoutmaster Dr. John Foster.