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Assembly Resolution No. 718

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COMMENDING Mathew Horn upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Smith Center for the Arts on September 21, 2017

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Mathew Horn 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 commend Geneva City Manager Mathew Horn upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Smith Center for the Arts to be honored at its Annual Celebrate Smith Dinner on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at Geneva on the Lake in Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mathew Horn earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from James Madison University in 2002; from 2006-2008, he attended the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Mathew Horn began his distinguished civic career as an Economic Development Specialist with the City of Staunton,

Virginia; from February of 2004 until February of 2006, he served as the Assistant City Manager of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, For the next two years, Mathew Horn held the title of Director of City Operations at CH2M, a global engineering company which provides consulting, design, construction, and operations services for corporations, and federal, state, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Since July of 2008, Mathew Horn has held the position of City Manager of Geneva, a small, full-service city in the vibrant, four-season Finger Lakes Region of New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Mathew Horn has coordinated business recruitment and retention efforts, developed and managed a \$21 million annual operations budget, including public water and wastewater utilities; established and directed capital planning efforts, and conducted hiring and oversight efforts for nine City of Geneva departments; and

WHEREAS, An experienced community leader with a demonstrated history of facilitating civic engagement and economic growth, Mathew Horn is well-versed in public-private partnership, and leveraging the strengths of an organization and community to achieve its vision; and

WHEREAS, Through Mathew Horn's leadership and hard work, the City of Geneva received \$10 million from the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), and was awarded additional funds to upgrade its Visitor Center; and

WHEREAS, Geneva includes a stately, burgeoning downtown with expansive views of Seneca Lake; Mathew Horn has been instrumental in bringing an impressive change to this area by bringing in many new

businesses, restaurants, bars, and events which add to the entertainment and cultural scene; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his profession, Mathew Horn was the recipient of the Civitas Award, and was named a Top 100 Local Government Influencer in both 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Courtney, and their four children, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 commend Mathew Horn upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Smith Center for the Arts on September 21, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mathew Horn.