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Senate Resolution No. 3574

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

HONORING E. Peter Forrestel, II upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 E. Peter Forrestel, II upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 46th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Samuel's Grande Manor, Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, E. Peter Forrestel, II, affectionately known as Peter, 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, Peter Forrestel began his illustrious career with Bank of Akron in 1976; through the years he served in several capacities including as Bookkeeper, Teller, Data Processing Manager, Auditor, Vice

President, Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President; and

WHEREAS, This profound experience gave Peter Forrestel a solid understanding of how all aspects of operations interact and led to him being elected President of Bank of Akron in 1994, the esteemed position he held until his retirement in June of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Peter Forrestel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan where he went on to earn his Master's degree in Biology; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his profession, Peter Forrestel serves on the Board of Directors for Bank of Akron, and has served on the Board of Directors of the New York State Banking Department and the Advisory Board of its successor, the Department of Financial Service; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Peter Forrestel was Director of the Independent Bankers Association of New York State, and is a Past Group 1 Chairman for the New York Bankers Association; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Peter Forrestel served on the Board of Education for both the Akron Central School District and Erie 1 BOCES; he has also been a Village of Akron trustee since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Peter Forrestel has also been a member of the Akron Lions Club and Akron-Newstead Rotary Club, as well as a Rails-to-Trails project coordinator and Newstead Historical Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Peter Forrestel has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 Peter Forrestel, 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 E. Peter Forrestel, II upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to E. Peter Forrestel, II.