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Senate Resolution No. 4656

BY: Senator SEWARD

COMMENDING Jeff Katz upon the occasion of his retirement after his third term as mayor of Cooperstown, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jeff Katz upon the occasion of retiring after his third term as mayor of Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Jeff Katz and his family moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Cooperstown, the home of baseball; the Katzes lived on Chestnut Street and quickly became a vital part of their new community; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Katz began his long and distinguished career as a public servant in 2005, when he was elected village trustee; for seven years, Jeff was a proud and dedicated member of the Village of Cooperstown's legislative body; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Jeff Katz became the mayor of the Village of Cooperstown, a title he held for three consecutive terms; in this capacity, he assumed the role of number one advocate for the village by guiding many major infrastructure improvements such as extensive street paving, repairing sidewalks, upgrades to both the sewer and water systems, and restoration of the village hall; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jeff Katz was also instrumental in securing significant funds for a new waste water treatment plant, all without increasing the tax levy; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Karen, and their three sons, Nate, Robbie and Joey, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as a public servant, Mayor Jeff Katz served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jeff Katz upon the occasion of his retirement after his third term as mayor of Cooperstown, New York, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Mayor Jeff Katz.