

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ed Paparella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award by the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center

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, Ed Paparella 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 honor Ed Paparella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award by the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center, to be celebrated on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Harts Hill in Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Greater Utica area, Ed Paparella is a graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School and Mohawk Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Ed Paparella completed a very rewarding 36-year career in banking; and

WHEREAS, Ed Paparella 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, Over the years, Ed Paparella has been involved in area Rotary Clubs, served on several Community Boards, and has been a committed member of numerous organizations, some of which include Habitat for Humanity, SCORE, The Good News Foundation, Voice of the Faithful, Break-through Central New York, United Way, Utica Industrial Development Corporation, Office of the Aging, and The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ed Paparella has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his selfless commitment to community service, including the Rotary District Governors Exemplar Award, the Rotary Award for Outstanding Service to Families and Communities, and the Leonard F. Wilbur-James Blackshear Kiwanis Memorial Award, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ed Paparella has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife Barbara and their 11 children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ed Paparella has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ed Paparella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award by the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ed Paparella.