

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brenda and Dave Rickey upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Springstead Award by the Geneva Rotary Club on May 2, 2013

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, Brenda and Dave Rickey have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brenda and Dave Rickey upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Springstead Award by the Geneva Rotary Club, to be celebrated at its annual Service Above Self Dinner on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at Club 86 in Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is a world fellowship of business and professional people dedicated to providing community service, encouraging high vocational standards and building international good will; and

WHEREAS, The Geneva Rotary Club's Springstead Award is presented to individuals who exemplify the ideals of community service; and

WHEREAS, Brenda and Dave Rickey have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Founders and trustees of The Brenda & Dave Rickey Foundation, the Rickets, who reside in San Diego, California, are being honored for their generous philanthropic support of educational programs and organizations in New York State's Finger Lakes region; and

WHEREAS, Dave and Brenda Rickey's foundation contributes to charitable organizations around the country; however, more than one third of their donations aid local beneficiaries, including DeSales High School, The Geneva Boys & Girls Club, Catholic elementary schools, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva High School sports programs, Happiness House, the Geneva Free Library and the Smith Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Dave Rickey was born and raised in Geneva, but has for the most part lived in California since 1985, while Brenda Rickey grew up in the northeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, Dave and Brenda Rickey have been married for 10 years, and are the proud parents of five grown daughters, and the loving grandparents of one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dave and Brenda Rickey have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dave and Brenda Rickey have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brenda and Dave Rickey upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Springstead Award by the Geneva Rotary Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brenda and Dave Rickey.