

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing the honorees of the Mohawk Valley Library System

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in joining its esteemed entities as they recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions; and

WHEREAS, The Mohawk Valley Library System will present its Library Recognition Award and its Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Award during its Annual Dinner Meeting to be held at River Stone Manor on May 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Library Recognition Award will be presented to the Gloversville Public Library for its sustained outreach and/or programming efforts to reach an underserved and/or new customer population; and

WHEREAS, The Gloversville Public Library is being recognized for its month Tech Classes, which began in February of 2011; and

WHEREAS, The classes are taught by Michael Daly, an instructor and Public Services Librarian at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, and include topics such as Facebook, iPads, the Cloud, Excel, Word, digital cameras, smartphones versus cell phones, Skype, Google, on-line shopping, Internet safety, and eReaders; and

WHEREAS, The library began this service to meet the growing technology needs of its patrons; it has offered 17 classes with over 100 participants; and

WHEREAS, The Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Award will be presented to Thomas Walsh, a long-time member of the Johnstown Public Library Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished 40 years of service on the Board, Tom has participated in a variety of activities, including washing dishes at the Storybook fundraiser, recruiting new Board members, serving on the Personnel Committee that hired Barbara Germain as Director, underwriting the shipping costs of the "Operation Paperback" books that the library mails to overseas troops, and overseeing the library's Budget and Finance Committee; he willingly extended his trusteeship to oversee a recent transition of directors; and

WHEREAS, When the library building was expanded and restored, Tom was actively involved in financial planning and fundraising, and provided legal counsel for a 501c3 application, contract reviews and potential property purchase; and

WHEREAS, Tom has also worked tirelessly for the library's financial stability, including the establishment of the library's endowment; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is pleased to join the Mohawk Valley Library System in extending sincere appreciation to these honorees for their valuable contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the Gloversville Public Library and Tom Walsh upon being honored by the Mohawk Valley Library System; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Gloversville Public Library and Tom Walsh.