

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William H. Brown upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, William H. Brown 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 William H. Brown upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on Friday, January 18, 2013, in Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Brown was born in Downsville, New York; he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and obtained his master's degree from the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, William Brown is retired from the Seneca County Cooperative Extension and is the founder of Lakeshore Winery; a Seneca County Cooperative Extension Agent for 30 years, he is a member of the Ovid Federation Church and is an active community member; and

WHEREAS, William Brown has demonstrated involvement in the community and in the growth of Seneca County and was instrumental in bringing the wine industry to Seneca County; from 1978-1979, he assembled the support staff that pioneered the direction of the industry; and

WHEREAS, William Brown's vision to build a business community with a reputation that rivals that of Napa Valley, began among a small group of people; he gathered lenders, appraisers, marketers and wine makers to develop one of the largest growing sources of revenue for New York State; his vision of the Finger Lakes as a tourism location focusing on the wine industry now encompasses over 300 wineries in New York, wine trails, cheese trails and Bed & Breakfasts, that have drawn tourists from around the world; and

WHEREAS, In addition, William Brown led a small group of lenders and farmers in the pursuit of a soybean processing plant for Seneca County at the time when soybeans were being introduced as a major new crop for New York State; he was instrumental in motivating Cornell University Research to be involved which developed into a project that grew to include regular participation from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the completion of a full feasibility study; thus making soybean farming the major crop for Seneca County; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Doris, their children, Kim and the late David, and their grandchildren, Amanda and Kara, 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 William Brown has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor William H. Brown upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William H. Brown.