

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Roger Barnhart upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Coordinator of the Chenango County Toys for Tots

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Roger Barnhart upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Coordinator of the Chenango County Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Bainbridge, New York, Roger Barnhart graduated from Bainbridge-Guilford Central School in 1984; he then joined the United States Marine Corps, and worked as an Avionics Technician from 1984 until 1989; he retired from the military in 2005, with the rank of Sergeant, after 21 years of devoted service; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Roger Barnhart immediately began volunteering his time and energies to the Chenango County Toys for Tots; since then, it has been recorded that Roger has brought holiday gifts to more than an estimated 35,000 children; and

WHEREAS, Toys for Tots was founded in 1947, by Marine reservist Major William L. Hendricks; this valued organization has striven against all odds to make sure as many children as possible avoid suffering a joyless Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Roger Barnhart believes the toys are more than just things; the toys are really tools and symbols for parents to show their children they care about them, and for the children to know deep down they are loved; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Toys for Tots, Roger Barnhart has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America as a mentor, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster since November of 1988; he is also a member of American Legion Post 806; and

WHEREAS, An Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge, Roger Barnhart has been employed as a Postmaster with the South New Berlin Post Office since October of 1992; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 honor Roger Barnhart upon the occasion of his retirement as Coordinator of the Chenango County Toys for Tots, 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 Roger Barnhart.