

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Leo Kaytes Sr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Leadership in Community Award by SUNY Orange Foundation

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, Leo Kaytes Sr. 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 commend Leo Kaytes Sr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Leadership in Community Award by SUNY Orange Foundation; he will be celebrated at the foundation's 8th Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony, featuring The Spirit of Entrepreneurship, on Thursday, April 10, 2014, on the SUNY Orange Newburgh, New York, campus; and

WHEREAS, Leo Kaytes Sr. founded Leo Kaytes Ford on Route 94 in Warwick, New York, in 1978; and just as the successful dealership has been responsive to the automotive needs of the community, its dynamic creator has responded to the needs of his neighbors, volunteering countless hours to help make the community a better place to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Leo Kaytes Sr. has been a generous contributor to and supporter of many nonprofits, community causes and special events; and

WHEREAS, He is the longtime president of the Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center, a nonprofit organization that offers programs for children and adults with physical, mental or social disabilities, as well as those who wish to learn about horses and riding in a therapeutic environment; in addition, Leo Kaytes Sr. is a member and past president of the Warwick Rotary Club, a member and past vice president of the St. Anthony's Hospital Board of Directors, and has also served on the boards of directors of the St. Anthony Franciscan Tri State Health Care System, and the Bon Secours Charity Health Care System; and

WHEREAS, Leo Kaytes Sr. has received numerous awards and accolades in recognition of his many charitable endeavors; he was named 1998 Warwick Citizen of the Year, received the 2005 Caring for Life Award for his support of the Bon Secours Warwick Healthcare Campus, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Anthony's Hospital; in 2009, this distinguished man was presented with the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award by the Warwick Lions Club, the Lions' top award issued to non-members; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Leo Kaytes Sr. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Leo Kaytes Sr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Leadership in Community Award by SUNY Orange Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leo Kaytes Sr.