

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph and Irmgard Buess of the George Mann Tory Tavern upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations that 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ralph and Irmgard Buess of the George Mann Tory Tavern upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the annual dinner meeting of the chamber, to be held on Friday, March 15, 2013, at Caverns Palace Restaurant in Howes Cave, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Irmgard Buess are the owners of the George Mann Tory Tavern in Schoharie, New York; they purchased the Tavern in 1977; and

WHEREAS, The George Mann Tory Tavern in Schoharie, New York, is a well-known landmark, graciously displaying the classical splendor of the late 1700s and early 1800s; during the Revolutionary War, it was known as "The Brick House at the Forks in the Road" because the roads were toll roads to Albany and Duanesburg; and

WHEREAS, In addition to owning the George Mann Tory Tavern, Ralph and Irmgard Buess have been active in the Schoharie community for many years; they have prepared food for the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association's Antiques in Schoharie events for 20 years and been similarly active in Schoharie County Historical Society Stone Fort Days events; and

WHEREAS, Honorary trustees of the Schoharie County Historical Society, Ralph and Irmgard Buess are also founding members of the Schoharie Valley Association which promotes businesses and farmers throughout the Schoharie Valley; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ralph and Irmgard Buess are actively involved in providing assistance to the Iroquois Indian Museum and the Schoharie Promotional Association; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Buess is a 1965 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar, New York, and the Culinary Institute of America in New Haven, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Prior to owning the George Mann Tory Tavern, Ralph Buess was employed at the Mohawk Country Club and the Mohawk Club in Schenectady, New York, the Boca Raton Hotel, the Bellevue Biltmore, Gulfstream Country Club and was a Lecturer in the Food Service Division at State University of New York, Cobleskill; and

WHEREAS, Irmgard Buess is a 1965 graduate of Cherry Valley Central School in Cherry Valley, New York; she attended the State University of New York, Oswego, and received her Masters in Public Administration-Management Science from the State University of New York, Albany in 1974; and

WHEREAS, From 1969 to 1996, Irmgard Buess was an associate professor in the Computer Information Department at the State University of New York, Cobleskill; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Ralph and Irmgard Buess of the George Mann Tory Tavern in Schoharie, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ralph and Irmgard Buess of the George Mann Tory Tavern upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph and Irmgard Buess.