

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Fred Miers upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America on May 12, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fred Miers upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America, to be celebrated at its 31st Annual Distinguished Citizen of the Year Dinner on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at the Canasawacta Country Club, Norwich, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fred Miers is receiving this auspicious award for his sincere dedication and substantial role as a community leader; he has continuously cast a positive impact on his community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all his civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Chenango County, Fred Miers was the eldest of four sons born to the former Elinor Barnes and Charles O. Miers; and

WHEREAS, Fred Miers graduated from high school in 1958, where he served as Vice President of his senior class and co-Captain of his 1957 football team; and

WHEREAS, After attending the State University of New York (SUNY) at Plattsburgh, Fred Miers entered the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving his country for three years before being honorably discharged in 1964; and

WHEREAS, He then joined Chenango Savings and Loan Association; after attending the Executive School of Banking at the University of Connecticut, Fred Miers was elected both President and Director of the Association in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Fred Miers continued in that position after his company merged and became Astoria Federal Savings in 1985; after 35 years of distinguished service, he officially retired in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his stellar banking career, Fred Miers served as President of the Savings and Loan League of Central New York, and Director of the Savings and Loan League of New York State; for his role as an outstanding executive of a smaller Savings and Loan in New York State, he was the first recipient of the Zelmer Award; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lives, Fred Miers has held numerous leadership positions at various organizations including President and Campaign Chairman of the United Way, Director and Treasurer of the Norwich Business Improvement District, President of the Norwich Family YMCA; today, he serves as Chairman of Board of Trustees of the Norwich Y, Chairman and Campaign Chairman of the Chenango Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Trustee of the Greater Norwich Foundation, as well as Director and Treasurer of the Chenango Valley Home; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Fred Miers is a vital member of the Norwich High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee, the City Planning Commission, the City Zoning Board of Appeals, the City Loan Committee and a Hospice volunteer; and

WHEREAS, A faithful congregant of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Fred Miers has held the titles of Warden and Treasurer, and participated on the Vestry and on many committees; and

WHEREAS, When he is not volunteering his time and energy for a worthy cause, Fred Miers enjoys staying active by playing golf and walking; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 51 years, Sally

Millspaugh, and their son, Peter (Nicole), 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 Fred Miers has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Fred Miers upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America on May 12, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fred Miers.