

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rod Sutton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Guilford Citizen of the Year Award on May 30, 2016

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, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rod Sutton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Guilford Citizen of the Year Award, to be celebrated on May 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Rod Sutton graduated from Fairfax High School in Fairfax, Virginia; he went on to attend both SUNY Morrisville and SUNY Oswego, earning a permanent New York State teacher's certification in Visual Communications; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Rod Sutton began his illustrious career teaching Visual Communications at DCMO BOCES; 10 years later, he became their Coordinator of Instructional Technology, a position from which he retired in November of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Rod Sutton has been a member of both the Guilford Fire Department and Emergency Squad since February of 2001; throughout his tenure with the Department, he has held the position of Captain and was named Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Rod Sutton has served on numerous committees, including FEMA grant writing to obtain essential fire gear, and currently, the Guilford Fire Department Building Committee; as a member of the Guilford Emergency Squad, he has held the positions of Treasurer and Lieutenant, and currently serves as Squad Captain; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Rod Sutton is a member of both the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and the Chenango County Bureau of Fire and Emergency Medical Services; he is also an Emergency Medical Services Instructor for Chenango County; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to Rotary, Rod Sutton has served as both a counselor and director of the Rotary Youth Leadership Association; in addition, he was President of the Upstate Herpetology Association, a member of the Audubon Society, and a volunteer for the Wolf Mountain Nature Society; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Rod Sutton has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rod Sutton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Guilford Citizen of the Year Award on May 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rod Sutton.