

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edward and Laurel Callahan upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Henry C. Welles Award by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society on May 27th, 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 Edward "Ed" and Laurel Callahan upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Henry C. Welles Award by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a reception on Friday, May 27th, 2016, at Fatzinger Hall Waterloo Library and Historical Society, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The presentation of the 2016 Henry C. Welles Award to "Ed" and Laurel Callahan by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society will kick off Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day weekend festivities in the village of Waterloo; and

WHEREAS, The Henry C. Welles Award, named after the modest and unassuming druggist who was co-founder of the first Memorial Day celebration in Waterloo in 1866, was established in 2008 by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society to honor a citizen of Waterloo who, through tireless effort and many hours of uncompensated time, has made Waterloo a better place to live, work, worship, understand and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, "Ed" and Laurel Callahan have consistently contributed their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given freely of their time and talents; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism and pride in their community are just two of the commendable attributes "Ed" and Laurel Callahan share; they are often delivering Meals on Wheels, working in the Community Garden, tending flower beds for Waterloo in Bloom and volunteering at the Waterloo Library; and

WHEREAS, Quietly performing each task with pride and perfection, "Ed" and Laurel Callahan are often involved with cleaning up and weeding on Vern's Way and at the Memory Bank; "Ed" edges the sidewalks and parking lanes in areas where people will be visiting during Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, In addition, "Ed" and Laurel Callahan deliver mail at Geneva General Hospital and help with projects at Saint Mary's Church, where they are parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Callahan is on the church Social Justice Committee, heads the American Serviceman Project for the Catholic Daughters and serves as a member of the Real Christmas Committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, "Ed" and Laurel Callahan stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, "Ed" and Laurel Callahan are both enjoying retirement; previously, "Ed" worked as a parole and probation officer, and Laurel worked as a disability aid and teacher's aide; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout their lives have been their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of "Ed" and Laurel's lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which "Ed" and Laurel Callahan both displayed

throughout their lives; 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 Edward "Ed" and Laurel Callahan upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Henry C. Welles Award by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward "Ed" and Laurel Callahan.