

BY: Senator SEWARD

COMMENDING Anthony Gucciardi upon the occasion of his designation as a 2017 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Anthony Gucciardi upon the occasion of his designation as a 2017 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012, by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular merit, Anthony Gucciardi, Auburn High Class of 1959, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and his profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Gucciardi, affectionately known as Tony, graduated from ACC in 1961, and went on to earn his degree from SUNY Cortland in 1963; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed educator within the Auburn Enlarged City School District for 33 years, Tony Gucciardi spent 10 years as a teacher and 23 years as an administrator; in addition, he served as a Director of Unity House for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Tony Gucciardi has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is the immediate past president of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association, a member of the Owasco Town Board, and volunteers on several other boards within the local community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tony Gucciardi has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 45 years, Patti, their four sons and four daughters-in-law, as well as six grandchildren, 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 Tony Gucciardi 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Anthony Gucciardi upon the occasion of his designation as a 2017 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Gucciardi.