

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMENDING John "Jack" Proud upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an Oswego County Legislator

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John "Jack" Proud upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an Oswego County Legislator; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Jack Proud has a long history of service to the Oswego County community, representing the Village and Town of Mexico in the County Legislature since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Legislator Jack Proud served as Legislative Majority Leader from 1998 to 2004, and as chairman of several legislative committees; and

WHEREAS, A 1953 graduate of Oswego High School, Legislator Jack Proud went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in education, graduating magna cum laude from SUNY Oswego in 1957; he continued his studies to earn certificates in English, social studies, and school administration; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Jack Proud valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Army in 1957, as well as in the New York State National Guard; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to education, Legislator Jack Proud served Mexico Academy and Central School District from 1958 to 1994; his tenure includes such esteemed positions as high school principal, assistant high school principal, basketball coach, academic director, and high school English teacher; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Jack Proud has served on the Oswego County Board of Health since 2008, and as Chairman of the Board since 2015; he is active in the Oswego County Community Services Board, Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Mexico Historical Society, Oswego County Historical Society and the Weston Hyde Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Legislator Jack Proud has been a member of the

Emerald Crest Golf League for 53 years; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as an Oswego County Legislator, Jack Proud served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Allie, and their son, Randall, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Legislator Jack Proud over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John "Jack" Proud upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an Oswego County Legislator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Legislator John "Jack" Proud.