

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Leslie E. Porter upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as an Oneida 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 custom 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 Leslie E. Porter upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as an Oneida County Legislator; in December of 2017, he will officially step down at the end of his term; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Ogdensburg, New York, Leslie "Les" E. Porter attended Ogdensburg Free Academy; after graduating, he began his long career with New York Telephone Company in Plattsburgh, New York; in 1959, he was transferred to Rome, New York, where he served as a telephone repairman ;and

WHEREAS, While working for the New York Telephone Company in Utica, New York, Les was assigned to Lake Placid as Head of Security for the Telephone Company during the 1980 Winter Olympic Games; eight years later in 1988, he retired after more than three decades of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Les E. Porter was then elected Supervisor of the Town of Remsen, a position he held for seven years; in 1991, he began his distinguished career as an Oneida County Legislator, representing the Towns of Ava, Boonville, Forestport, Remsen and Steuben; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as County Legislator, Les E. Porter has had many accomplishments; he held the prestigious title of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, served on the Oneida County Fire Advisory Board and participated in numerous task forces and legislative committees; and

WHEREAS, Les E. Porter has also worked as an auctioneer all over upstate New York; he graciously donates his expertise and service to Oneida County for various foreclosure land sales; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his community and public service, Les E. Porter volunteered at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair, the Remsen Barn

Festival, and the Boonville Snow Festival; he was also a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Remsen Central School Board for over 11 years, where he held the title of President for two years; Les being a Mason himself, comes from a long line of Mason's in his family; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as an Oneida County Legislator, Les E. Porter 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, Penny, and their seven children, 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Les E. Porter over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; 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 commend Leslie E. Porter upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as an Oneida County Legislator, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leslie E. Porter.