

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Richard Baxter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sam Phelps Service Award by the Village of Walden

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 Richard Baxter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sam Phelps Service Award by the Village of Walden; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its 7th Annual Leadership Day Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at Municipal Hall; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Richard Baxter has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Richard Baxter is being recognized with this auspicious award for his steadfast and unwavering dedication to the betterment of his community, serving as an outstanding example to its residents; and

WHEREAS, With a sincere dedication to the Village of Walden, Richard Baxter is a strong supporter of many volunteer activities including the Back Pack Give Away and the St. Balderick's Foundation, which raises money to fight childhood cancer; he is also a member of the Walden Rotary Club; and

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

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Richard Baxter, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard Baxter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sam Phelps Service Award by the Village of Walden; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Baxter.