

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

HONORING Noel P. Dill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 2, 2017

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, Noel P. Dill has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Noel P. Dill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 45th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at Samuel's Grande Manor, in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Buffalo, New York, Noel P. Dill attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and the State University of New York at Buffalo; in 1986, he joined Intertech Satellite Systems, a Lockport, New York startup founded by Jim and Paul Stephen; and

WHEREAS, By the mid-1990s, the satellite business was nationally recognized and the company diversified into real estate; Noel P. Dill became the Vice President of Stephen Development; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Noel P. Dill has been involved in significant Main Street Clarence projects, including Willow Square and the upcoming redevelopment across from the Clarence High School, as well as the acquisition and development of Rock Oak Estates of Clarence; and

WHEREAS, Rock Oak Estates has expanded to over 500 homes, and has always strived to offer seniors affordable, independent homes in a 55+ community setting; Noel P. Dill credits the many friendships he has made through the years with Rock Oak residents for helping him learn the importance of friends, family and community in a successful life; and

WHEREAS, Noel P. Dill remains true to this mantra through his steadfast commitment to his community; he was one of the founders of Rock the Barn, an event which has evolved into a two-day music festival benefitting Meals on Wheels for Clarence, Akron and Newstead; and

WHEREAS, Noel P. Dill helped charter, and later, served as President of Clarence Toastmasters; he also serves as President of Discover Main Street, a non-profit group formed to advocate for Main Street small business and community life; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Noel P. Dill and his wife, Shelly, have been

long-time advocates for UNYTS, the area's community blood bank and organ donation center; through the years, they have sponsored over 30 blood drives and have been credited with saving over 1,500 lives in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Noel P. Dill has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Along with his wife, with him throughout have been his three daughters, Shannon, Sydney and Serena, and his two step-daughters, Madison and Savannah, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Noel P. Dill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Noel P. Dill.