

**BY:** M. of A. Stec

**HONORING** Paul Downen upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce on March 6, 2020

**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 Paul Downen upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 31st Annual Event at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, New York, on Friday, March 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** This prestigious award is named after the late J. Walter Juckett, who was a tremendous force in his community; Paul Downen is truly deserving of this recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** Paul Downen grew up in Saratoga Springs and made his way up to the Adirondack region in 1976 attending Adirondack Community College (now SUNY Adirondack); and

**WHEREAS,** Upon graduating from Castleton State College (now Castleton University) in 1980, Paul Downen returned to Glens Falls and started his accounting career with the CPA firm of Silverstein and Loftus; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1987, Paul Downen established his own firm and has been in partnership with Phillip Whittemore as well as other partners since 1994; and

**WHEREAS,** His long-standing partnership with Phillip Whittemore merged with Edwards, Williams, McManus & Ricciardelli to form the Queensbury based firm Whittemore, Downen & Ricciardelli in April of 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** Active in his community, Paul Downen joined the Glens Falls Rotary Club in 1982 and has continued his membership and commitment to the organization for almost 40 years; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Paul Downen has been involved with numerous other community and charitable groups serving in various roles including board seats, committees and volunteering his time; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Paul Downen serves on the boards of SUNY Adirondack Foundation, The House of Grace of the Adirondacks, The Adirondack Hockey Coalition and Christ Church United Methodist; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others, which Paul Downen has displayed throughout his life; 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 honor Paul Downen upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Downen.