

**BY:** Senator MAYER

**HONORING** Gregg Howells upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the YMCA of Rye, New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gregg Howells upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the YMCA of Rye, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation from the State University of New York at Cortland, Gregg Howells went on to receive a Master's degree in Education from Alfred University; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1986, Gregg Howells began his illustrious career as Executive Director of the Old Colony YMCA in Massachusetts, where he oversaw the Brockton, Middleboro and Taunton divisions until 1996, when he became Executive Director of the YMCA of Rye, New York, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire on June 3, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure as Executive Director of the Rye YMCA, Gregg Howells greatly contributed to making his community a safer and better place to live, work and raise a family; he has grown school gardens, fought chronic disease and hunger, provided child care, and supported countless youth, seniors and families; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his career, Gregg Howells served the Rye YMCA with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

**WHEREAS,** Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Gregg Howells will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to foster a community of growth and giving; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Rye YMCA is in direct correlation to the efforts of Executive Director Gregg Howells, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gregg Howells has displayed

throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gregg Howells upon the occasion of his retirement, 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 Gregg Howells.