

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING William V. Zimmermann upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the City of New Rochelle, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William V. Zimmermann upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 22 years of distinguished service to the City of New Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, William V. Zimmermann, a native of Oceanside, New York, was appointed Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of New Rochelle in March of 2004, following his original appointment as Director in July of 2000; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, William V. Zimmermann has supported strong partnerships with the Rotary Club of New Rochelle and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, William V. Zimmermann previously held several public sector managerial positions working 17 years for the Town of Mamaroneck, serving as the Superintendent of Recreation; he also served for more than five years as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for the Village of Irvington-On-Hudson, and for two years as an Assistant Facilities Manager for the Town of Ramapo in Rockland County, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Tarrytown, New York, William V. Zimmermann received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Cortland in 1976, preceded by an associate in applied science degree from the State University of New York at Delhi Agricultural and Technical College in 1973; and

WHEREAS, William V. Zimmermann is well versed in municipal parks and recreation operations, having served as a faculty member of the National Director's School accredited by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and North Carolina State University, and a distinguished member of the American Academy for Parks and Recreation Administration; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he serves as a professional delegate to the NRPA representing the Mid-Atlantic Regional Network and is the recipient of the prestigious Michael B. Berman Special Fellow Citation Award; and

WHEREAS, Past Chair and Regent Board Member for North Carolina State University's Supervisor's Management School, William V. Zimmermann's commitments also include service on the NRPA Board of Trustees, the APRS

Board of Directors, Chairman of NRPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Council, Past-President of the Westchester Recreation and Park Society; and

WHEREAS, He has also served as the Past-President of the New York State Recreation and Park Society, from which he received the association's highest award in April of 2006 for Distinguished Service; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, William V. Zimmermann rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of New Rochelle, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, As both Director and Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, William V. Zimmermann served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Mary who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 William V. Zimmermann upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 22 years of distinguished service to the City of New Rochelle; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William V. Zimmermann.