

Senate Resolution No. 2269

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Sean McHale upon the occasion of his designation as the 2022 Carthage Citizen of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Within every community there exists certain individuals who have played an important role in helping the people and families of their society, Sean McHale is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sean McHale upon the occasion of his designation as the 2022 Carthage Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Sean McHale has been named Citizen of the Year by the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce and Elks Lodge No. 1762 for his service to the greater Carthage Community and to Northern New York throughout his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Sean McHale exemplifies the terms citizenship, achievement, leadership, dedication and motivation which characterize a Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding man has truly made a difference in the lives of countless students throughout his illustrious career as a Social Studies teacher in the Carthage Central School District, a role which has enabled him to not only teach, but also to mentor local youth; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Sean McHale has given tirelessly of his time and energies to several organizations, including the Elks Lodge, where he served as Exalted Ruler, and the Carthage Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Fire Chief and helped protect many lives in his community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, several years ago Sean McHale founded the "Exceptional Games," bringing together special education students from more than a dozen schools to have fun and compete alongside their peers; and

WHEREAS, Whether it be through his career in education or volunteerism in the community, Sean McHale has had a lasting, positive impact on the lives of countless people, making him incredibly deserving of the title of Citizen of the Year; 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 Sean McHale upon the occasion of his designation as the 2022 Carthage Citizen of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sean McHale.