

Assembly Resolution No. 308

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HONORING Gary Hill upon the occasion of his retirement after 60 years of distinguished service to New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals whose exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service on behalf of their profession and the environment have significantly enhanced the quality of life in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend Gary Hill upon the occasion of his retirement after 60 years of distinguished service to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Eagle Bridge, New York, Gary Hill began his illustrious career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in 1963, as a wildlife technician; and

WHEREAS, Gary Hill gave tirelessly of his time and energies to the DEC for more than 30 years, playing a central role in a project that became one of his proudest accomplishments, restoring the Bald Eagle population along the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the DEC in 1995, Gary Hill took a job with New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Moreau Lake State Park, originally serving on the maintenance crew; and

WHEREAS, Highly experienced and widely respected, Gary Hill was instrumental in building the Moreau Lake State Park Nature Center and Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Gary Hill, the nature center, which began as a developing concept, has grown into a thriving program that continues to serve thousands; and

WHEREAS, An avid hunter, trapper and fisherman since youth, Gary Hill also continues to hike daily and is the go-to person for emergency rescues on remote wilderness trails; his encyclopedic knowledge of wildlife and the natural world makes him highly regarded by naturalists across the state; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Gary Hill was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Throughout an extraordinary career, which traversed six decades, Gary Hill served the State of New York with loyalty, honor and distinction, truly earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

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

WHEREAS, Gary Hill has served the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the environment, and the people of the State of New York with honor and distinction; his accomplishments and contributions will most assuredly brook the passage of time and be recorded as significantly improving the quality of life for us all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gary Hill 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 Gary Hill.