

Assembly Resolution No. 198

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CONGRATULATING David Miller upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the New York State Trappers Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate David Miller upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the New York State Trappers Association (NYSTA); and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, David Miller diligently worked to preserve the ideals of this vital organization which is comprised of men, women and children who are dedicated to protecting and preserving our heritage as well as the tradition of trapping in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, David Miller became the region 8 Director of the NYSTA, and shortly thereafter, he was given the position of General Organizer to find ways to increase membership; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, David Miller was officially contracted, and through the years, he continued to rise through the ranks, holding the titles of Vice President and President before being named Executive Director, the position from which he officially retired in 2019; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, David Miller was an educator who was committed to protecting and promoting the trapping lifestyle as part of an effective and necessary wildlife conservation management plan in New York State; through his passion and experience, he informed the New York State Legislature and the public about the role trapping plays in a successful wildlife conservation model; and

WHEREAS, David Miller also accomplished numerous other goals for the benefit of his fellow trappers such as working towards the approval of a cable restraint bill so trappers can add another effective and humane tool to their toolbox; and

WHEREAS, David Miller also partnered with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) personnel and the NYSTA JTI Committee to draft language for a new regulation to eliminate the incidental capture of dogs in body gripping traps while still allowing the trappers of New York a practical and effective means of utilizing those traps on dry land and drafted language for a new trapping regulation to reduce the possibility of incidental capture of birds of prey by trappers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, David Miller was instrumental in changing the law so trappers could use their ENCON ID No. on their trap tags in lieu of their name and address, and organized a bear dog training season in New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role at NYSTA, David Miller was a delegate to the Northeast United States Trappers Council, and was one of the original members of the Joint Trappers Initiative (JTI) Committee which works directly with the NYSDEC Furbearer Team to work together for the betterment of trapping and furbearer management through regulation and the Conservation Alliance of New York (CANY); and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the industry he is passionate about, David Miller was inducted into the New York Outdoorsman Hall of Fame in 2007; and

WHEREAS, In his much-deserved retirement, David Miller has enjoyed spending more time with his beloved family, especially his cherished grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, For the past 27 years, David Miller rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Trappers Association; as Executive Director, he served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the New York State Trappers Association, David Miller earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate David Miller upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the New York State Trappers Association, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Miller.