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HONORING Justin Taylor upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of exemplary public safety leadership and distinguished service to the community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those individuals whose dedication to public service and community well-being exemplifies the highest ideals of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Justin Taylor upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of exemplary public safety leadership and distinguished service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Justin Taylor is hereby recognized for a lifetime of distinguished service characterized by steadfast leadership, selfless commitment, and an enduring devotion to the safety, prosperity, and quality of life of the residents of the Town of Clayton and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, Justin Taylor began his exemplary record of volunteer public safety service in 1975 as a member of the Clayton Fire Department, and throughout the decades has served with distinction in numerous leadership capacities, including Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief, Chief of the Department, Secretary, and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Justin Taylor continues his service to this day as Senior Captain of the Clayton Fire Department's fire boat, Last Chance, demonstrating unwavering commitment to marine and waterfront safety; and

WHEREAS, His service record extends beyond routine duty, including honorable participation as a Fire Officer supporting the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, alongside fellow members of the Clayton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Justin Taylor has further enhanced local emergency preparedness and coordination through service with the Town of Clayton Joint Fire District, where he currently serves as Chairman, and through his contributions as a member of the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his leadership in fire and emergency services, Justin Taylor has served the public as Town of Clayton Supervisor, providing thoughtful and steady guidance on matters of local governance and community development, particularly along the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Through both civic leadership and private-sector initiative, Justin Taylor has played a key role in the responsible

redevelopment of a former industrial site into a vibrant community asset, including the establishment of the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, which continues to contribute to local economic vitality and waterfront activity; and

WHEREAS, The dedication, professionalism, and neighborly spirit demonstrated by Justin Taylor over decades of service have earned him the respect, admiration, and gratitude of the community he has so faithfully served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Justin Taylor for his exemplary service to public safety and his long-standing commitment to community leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Justin Taylor.