

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Frank Page upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on June 10, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to individuals and organizations that devote their time and energies to the cultural enrichment of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Frank Page upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame at its Annual Induction Ceremony at the Capitol Theatre, in Rome, New York, on June 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Rome Arts Hall of Fame was created in 2005, and is housed in the mezzanine foyer of the Capitol; each year, nominations are collected from community members and arts organizations, and a committee made up of individuals from Rome's arts community chooses inductees; and

WHEREAS, Born September 17, 1975, in Rome, New York, Frank Page was never far away from a pad of paper and pencils as a child; cartooning seemed the obvious choice for his life's path; and

WHEREAS, A 1993 graduate of Rome Free Academy, Frank Page has been staff cartoonist and graphic designer at the ROME DAILY SENTINEL since 1997; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Frank Page created the comic strip Bob the Squirrel; Bob's first appearance was in the ROME SUNDAY SENTINEL in February of 2002 and Universal Uclick/GoComics.com picked up the strip for online syndication two years later; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Frank Page accepted an adjunct faculty position with the art department at Cazenovia College; he has given dozens of lectures to schools throughout Central New York about the mechanics of cartooning, sequential art, the importance of reading, anti-bullying, and art in general; and

WHEREAS, Frank Page has self-published seven Bob the Squirrel collections and three graphic novels, "Mary", "Better Man" and "2 Sides of Alone"; in addition, his award-winning editorial cartoons have been featured in past editions of BEST EDITORIAL CARTOONS OF THE YEAR; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Frank Page upon the occasion of being inducted into the Rome Arts Hall of Fame on June 10, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Page.