

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**COMMENDING** The Honorable John K. McGuirk upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Boy Scouts of America, Hudson Valley Council

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great 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 The Honorable John K. McGuirk upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Boy Scouts of America, Hudson Valley Council, to be celebrated at its Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at West Hills Country Club, Middletown, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on May 6, 1942 in New York City, John K. McGuirk is a retired Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District; and

**WHEREAS,** John K. McGuirk graduated from Manhattan College in 1963, with a degree in economics before earning his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1966, and a Masters of Law from New York University School of Law in 1971; and

**WHEREAS,** John K. McGuirk began his long and distinguished legal career as a Staff Attorney in Washington, D.C. for the Federal Communications Commission; he has served at all levels of government including local, county, state and federal; and

**WHEREAS,** After serving as an Assistant Professor of Law at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and as Captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1967 to 1971, Justice John K. McGuirk chose to remain in the Mid-Hudson Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** Justice John K. McGuirk practiced law throughout the Hudson Valley, serving as Town Judge for the Town of Cornwall from 1976 to 1995; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1995, Justice John K. McGuirk was appointed by Governor Pataki to fill a vacancy on the Orange County Family Court bench to which he was elected in November of that year; four years later, he was elected to the New York State Supreme Court and served for 12 years as a Supreme Court Justice in the 9th Judicial District, retiring in November of 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary man currently serves as Counsel of Rider, Weiner & Frankel in New Windsor, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Justice John K. McGuirk is a member of many professional and civic organizations including the New York State Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association and the New York State Supreme Court Justices' Association; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, he has served several terms as the Orange County Bar Association Delegate to the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Justice John K. McGuirk has served on the Cornwall Hospital Board of Directors and the Manhattan College National Alumni Council Board of Directors; he is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cornwall Lions Club, Newburgh Rotary Club, Cornwall American Legion Post 353, the West Point Society of New York, and as an Honor member of Highland Engine Company No. 1; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, and their seven children, as well as ten grandchildren, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for John K. McGuirk, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable John K. McGuirk upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Boy Scouts of America, Hudson Valley Council; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable John K. McGuirk.