

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

COMMENDING A. Douglas Berwanger upon the occasion of stepping down after 19 years of distinguished service as Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and 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 A. Douglas Berwanger upon the occasion of stepping down after 19 years of distinguished service as Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, A. Douglas Berwanger was born and raised in East Arcade, New York, where his son, Ed, now owns and operates the family dairy farm; today, he continues to work on the farm in various capacities including making one to two trips a day with a team of horses and a horse drawn manure spreader; and

WHEREAS, After earning his degree in Police Science from Erie Community College, A. Douglas Berwanger worked for many years with the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, A. Douglas Berwanger began his first term as Town Supervisor for Arcade, and in 2001, he was elected Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors; later, he assumed the position of Wyoming County Administrator and served in that dual role for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Under his luminous leadership, the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors has taken part in an aggressive capital improvement program over the past 15 years, replacing and renovating almost all county buildings, and implementing a Better Pavement program in which the County Highway Department performs a total reconstruction of at least 10 miles of road annually; and

WHEREAS, As Town Supervisor, A. Douglas Berwanger was instrumental in the Highway Department's great success in rotating the equipment replacement schedules, and providing a high level of services to Arcade residents in the form of fully paved roads throughout the town, exceptional snow and ice removal, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his leadership role and his community, A. Douglas Berwanger has served as Deputy Parliamentarian of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Board of Directors, and was the President of the NYSAC Chairs of County Legislative Boards; and

WHEREAS, In addition, A. Douglas Berwanger has been a vital member of the Arcade Fire Department for the past 22 years; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, A. Douglas Berwanger served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by A. Douglas Berwanger over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend A. Douglas Berwanger upon the occasion of stepping down after 19 years of distinguished service as Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, 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 A. Douglas Berwanger.