BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING James Loomis upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2020 City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor those whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Loomis upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2020 City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, in conjunction with the observance of National Hero Day; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award was established in 2020 to recognize individuals from the City of Oswego who quietly go about improving the lives of others through their generosity, energy and spirit; and

WHEREAS, A correctional officer by profession, James Loomis has been involved in Scouting for a number of years; in this capacity, he has made a difference in the lives of countless youths through his efforts, which include starting a Cub Scout pack, serving as Scout leader and master and being instrumental in the creation of a troop for young girls, even though he has no daughters of his own; and

WHEREAS, Through his devotion to the young people of Oswego, James Loomis has inspired many young people to volunteer their time and energy to their community; and

WHEREAS, As a recipient of this most prestigious award, James Loomis truly embodies the meaning of service and sets a shining example for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which James Loomis has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to James Loomis, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Loomis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2020 City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award, 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 James Loomis.