

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Donald Castellucci Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Town of Owego

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Donald Castellucci Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, Donald Castellucci Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Town Supervisor, Donald Castellucci Jr. served with loyalty, honor, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of SUNY Broome, Donald Castellucci Jr. has dedicated his professional life to serving others; his prior work experience includes time with the Broome County DSS, the State Insurance Fund, and the American Red Cross Blood Services Division, where he learned invaluable lessons from each along his journey; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career with the Town of Owego in 1996, Donald Castellucci Jr. was elected as town councilman where he served faithfully for 14 years before his election as town supervisor; his tenure in the latter role spanned an impressive seven-and-a-half terms-a testament to his constituents' enduring trust and his commitment to a career of purposeful service; and

WHEREAS, Donald Castellucci Jr.'s time in office was marked by myriad achievements, including the construction of a 9-11 memorial in Hickories Park; urgent responses to disastrous flooding in 2006 and 2011; numerous upgrades to Town Hall; the conversion of street lights to LED lights; the repurposing of Tioga Terrace Park; the rebuilding and reinforcement of well houses, water wells, and pump stations, as well as the introduction of standby power to these vital resources; and the creation of the new Shared Services Building which houses equipment out of the floodplain and has access to a fuel tank reserve to allow for immediate responses to a variety of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Donald Castellucci Jr. was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his partner, Vicki; their two children, Donald and Lauren; and his daughter-in-law, Emily, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his fruitful life and rejoice in his

many achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Town of Owego, Donald Castellucci, Jr. earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Donald Castellucci Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donald Castellucci Jr.