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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas and Dusty Putnam upon the occasion of their designation as 2012 Community Leaders of the Year by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations that give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas and Dusty Putnam upon the occasion of their designation as 2012 Community Leaders of the Year by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the annual dinner meeting of the chamber, to be held on Friday, March 15, 2013, at Caverns Palace Restaurant in Howes Cave, New York; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Schoharie, New York, Thomas and Dusty Putnam are active in their home church, the Schoharie Reformed Church; both have participated on development committees for the City Mission of Schenectady and Major Gifts Capital Campaign Cabinet for Camp Fowler; and

WHEREAS, Thomas O. Putnam is the founder and chairman of Fenimore Asset Management/FAM Funds; he oversees the firm's privately managed accounts and three publicly-traded mutual funds; and

WHEREAS, A former member of the Investment Company Institute Board of Governors, Cobleskill Regional Hospital Board, and Reformed Church of America Investment Committee, Thomas O. Putnam earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rochester and a master of business administration degree from Tulane University; and

WHEREAS, Thomas O. Putnam currently serves on the boards of the New York State Historical Association (Fenimore Art Museum), the Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation, Guideposts, and the Guide-

posts Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Putnam is a principal and vice president with Fenimore Asset Management where she oversees human resources, marketing, and public relations; and

WHEREAS, Active in Schoharie, New York's revitalization efforts and chair of the Schoharie Village Planning Board, Dusty Putnam serves on several not-for-profit boards including the Elizabethtown College Board of Trustees, Arkell Hall Museum and Library Board, and the Cobleskill-Richmondville Educational Foundation; she is also on the leadership team for church on the Grow at the Schoharie Reformed Church; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Putnam obtained her undergraduate degree from Elizabethtown College and her M.S. degree from Washington College; and

WHEREAS, Thomas and Dusty Putnam have a daughter, Anne; a daughter and son-in-law, Caddie and Robert Rankin; and two beloved grandchildren, Lucy and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Thomas and Dusty Putnam of Schoharie, New York; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas and Dusty Putnam upon the occasion of their designation as 2012 Community Leaders of the Year by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas and Dusty Putnam.