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Senate Resolution No. 787

BY: Senator OBERACKER

HONORING Gary Brightman upon the occasion of his  
designation as recipient of the Chenango County  
Distinguished Citizen's Award

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and  
commend those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work  
and purpose to community service, contributing to the 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 honor  
Gary Brightman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the  
Chenango County Distinguished Citizen's Award; and

WHEREAS, Gary Brightman, a native of Norwich, New York, joined his  
family's business as a young man, and went on to acquire his master's  
Plumbing and Heating license from the City of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1980s, he built the very first self-storage  
building in Norwich and had a vision of a log cabin complex on the East  
River Road; he began construction with his high school sweetheart,  
Holly, to house their unfinished furniture store and Holly's beauty  
salon; and

WHEREAS, Gary Brightman's succeeding business venture, Rentals To

Go, was born when he noticed the shortcomings of another company's estimated delivery time; now, The Storage Center, LLC has grown to provide self-storage rentals in seven Upstate New York towns, including Norwich & Sherburne, among others; Rentals To Go provides portable toilets and related equipment to construction sites and special events throughout the United States, with multiple locations in New York, Florida, and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, He currently devotes his time managing about 100 employees for his two businesses, The Storage Center, LLC & Rentals To Go, alongside his three sons Carter, Grant, & Cole; and

WHEREAS, Always having been an active figure in his community, Gary Brightman volunteered his time for the Norwich Pop Warner and Norwich Football Boosters as his kids were growing up, among other fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Gary Brightman's personal involvement in the community over the years includes being one of the founders of the Norwich Pumpkin Festival, assisting with the reconstruction of the parks for the B.I.D. Park Renovation Project (Friends of the Park), and the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, From a business perspective, Gary Brightman has assisted with the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, yearly construction of Santa's Igloo in the park, Chenango County Fair, Norwich Blues Festival, and countless others; these examples of his devoted service resulted in him receiving the Commitment to Community award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, After many years of hard work, Gary Brightman now spends his winters in Siesta Key, Florida, coming back to his roots in Norwich for the rest of the year to continue working alongside his three sons, enjoy time with life-long friends and family, and to continue supporting

his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gary Brightman 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 Gary Brightman, 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 Gary Brightman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Chenango County Distinguished Citizen's 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 Gary Brightman.