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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas Usher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2009 Senior Male Achievement Award by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Thomas Usher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2009 Senior Male Achievement Award by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the annual Celebration of Aging luncheon, to be held at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls, New York, on Monday, May 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Usher of Poughquag, New York, is a refreshing throw-back to a time when people served their community purely out of the call for public service; he serves because he loves the Town of Beekman, and to ensure that its quality of life is preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Serving as the Town of Beekman historian for the past six years, Thomas Usher has helped the Town embrace its historical heritage; he is a constant presence at town events from Beekman Community Day, Beekman Library activities, local government and volunteer boards, and various athletic events; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Usher is a walking textbook of knowledge of all things Beekman, and is willing to share that knowledge with all; and

WHEREAS, Among the myriad accomplishments of Thomas Usher in the Town of Beekman are: bringing attention to the "Old Upper Road," a major thoroughfare used by colonial troops during the Revolutionary War; restoring the old Mill House, a structure that dates back to the very early history of the area; being a driving force in obtaining the designation for the Town of Beekman as a "Preserve America Community"; over-

seeing the activities of the Betsy Ross Club for the annual Beekman Memorial Day Parade; and assisting the Dalton Farm Homeowners Association in the restoration of a room in the historic Roosevelt House; and WHEREAS, In addition, Thomas Usher has authored a book entitled, A SHORT HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF BEEKMAN; he has also served in a special advisory capacity to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, Economic Development Plan Committee, and Zoning Update Committee; and WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and commend those who have witnessed and contributed to the developments and achievements of our Nation, State, and communities over the course of their noteworthy lives; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Thomas Usher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2009 Senior Male Achievement Award by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Usher, 96 Hillside Road, Poughquag, New York 12570.