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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Willis Vermilyea upon the occasion of his retirement as Greene County treasurer after 33 distinguished years in public service

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Willis Vermilyea upon the occasion of his retirement as Greene County treasurer after 33 distinguished years in public service; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Willis Vermilyea began his esteemed career as a member of the Memorial Hospital of Greene County Board of Managers; in 1977, he was elected county legislator representing Coxsackie, and in 1979, he was elected county treasurer; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Willis Vermilyea has been a member of the Greene County Industrial Development Agency for over 20 years; serving as chairman of the Board, he helped develop two major business parks, significantly enhancing the Greene County tax base; and

WHEREAS, After a brief absence from public service, during which time he was the chief financial officer for the local hospital, Willis Vermilyea returned as county treasurer in 1994; and

WHEREAS, While in office, Willis Vermilyea implemented a fully integrated accounting, budget and payroll system, which provides monthly reports and live information and is available to the county administrator, legislators and budget staff; and

WHEREAS, Under Willis Vermilyea's exemplary leadership, Greene County has received two credit rating increases from Moody's Investment

Service; in 1994, only two counties had a credit rating lower than Greene County; today, only 16 of 62 counties have a higher credit rating; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Willis Vermilyea served Greene County, New York, with extraordinary intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, A singular asset to all of the citizens he has served in the community of Greene County, Willis Vermilyea's life and career are a portrait of preeminence in public service, and present a role model for all who aspire to a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Willis Vermilyea upon the occasion of his retirement as Greene County treasurer after 33 distinguished years in public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Willis Vermilyea.