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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert A. Sherwood upon the occasion of receiving the Columbia County Good Scout Award from Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert A. Sherwood upon the occasion of receiving the Columbia County Good Scout Award from Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America at a dinner to be held at the Winding Brook Country Club on Wednesday, April 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Robert A. Sherwood has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Sherwood has been Chief Executive Officer and President of Kinderhook Bank since 1995; this community bank was established in June of 1853 and officially opened for business in October 1853; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Sherwood began his employment with the bank in 1976 as a management trainee and first served as a teller; he was soon promoted to assistant-cashier in 1977 and then rose to the position of Executive Vice-President in 1983; he served in this capacity until 1995 when he was promoted to President; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Kinderhook Bank has grown from the Main Banking Office in Kinderhook and a single branch office in Valatie, New York, to five banking centers in Columbia and Rensselaer Counties; and

WHEREAS, The bank is currently the only local bank headquartered in

Columbia County and as a community bank it is vigilant in protecting assets and assuring the short and long-term stability of the bank; and WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Robert A. Sherwood has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Robert A. Sherwood serves as a director on the boards of Columbia Economic Development Corporation and the Center for Disability Services of Albany, New York, the Alice & Murray Giddings Foundation as well as the Kinderhook Education Foundation; he is also a member of the Valatie Santa Claus Club and the Fifty Group of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Sherwood has formerly served as Treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and as a board member for the Columbia County Planning Board, Town of Kinderhook Assessment Review Board, Residential Opportunities, Inc., Shaker Museum, and the Hudson Development Corporation; he is also the past President and member of the Northern Columbia County Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Sherwood recognizes that Kinderhook Bank can also have a positive impact on the community; under his direction, the bank provides funding and volunteer support to many non-profit organizations, schools, and other organizations whose primary objectives are to improve the quality of life for the people who live within the bank's service area; and

WHEREAS, As a result, Kinderhook Bank has been selected by many of these organizations to receive special recognition over the years for its service to the community; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Kinderhook, New York, Robert A. Sherwood holds a Graduate Banking Certificate from the School of Community Banking at the University of Texas at Austin; he attended C.W. Post College in Greenvale, New York, and Nassau Community College in Garden City, New

York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Robert A. Sherwood has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Suzanne, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Robert A. Sherwood has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert A. Sherwood upon the occasion of receiving the Columbia County Good Scout Award from Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert A. Sherwood.