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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Peter S. Paine, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation by the Adirondack Museum as the recipient of its 2010 Harold K. Hochschild Award on August 19, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and commitment to their community and its quality of life are an example and inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Peter S. Paine, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation by the Adirondack Museum as the recipient of its 2010 Harold K. Hochschild Award on August 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Located in the heart of the Adirondack Park, the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake, New York opened in 1957; its collections and engaging programs tell the stories of the men and women who have lived, worked and played in the largest wilderness area east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Museum is dedicated to expanding public understanding of Adirondack history and the relationship between people and the Adirondack wilderness, and to fostering informed choices for the future; and

WHEREAS, The Harold K. Hochschild Award is given in memory of the museum's founder, whose passion for the Adirondacks, its people, and environment inspired the creation of the Adirondack Museum; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990 the museum has presented the award to a wide range of intellectual and community leaders throughout the Adirondack Park, highlighting their contributions to the region's culture and quality of life; Peter S. Paine, Jr. truly merits this high honor; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Paine, Jr., a retired partner of the international law firm, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, has long served as Chairman of Champlain National Bank in Willsboro, New York; also an enthusiastic hunter, fisherman, horseman and wilderness expedition leader, he has devoted much of his life to exemplary public service in the

Adirondack region; and

WHEREAS, He is a Trustee and former Chair of the Adirondack Nature Conservancy and also served on the New York State Nature Conservancy Board of Trustees; he was, in addition, a founding member and long-time General Counsel of the Lake Champlain Committee and one of the founding Trustees of the organization now known as Environmental Advocates of New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Peter S. Paine, Jr. serves as President of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Ticonderoga Association and is also a Trustee of the Adirondack Community Trust; and

WHEREAS, Among the numerous land conservation projects in the Champlain Valley in which Peter Paine has played a key role are the preservation as a bird sanctuary of the Four Brother Islands in Lake Champlain and the addition of the Split Rock Mountain Range to the New York State Forest Preserve; and

WHEREAS, He was also a co-organizer and generous supporter of the Noblewood Park and Nature Preserve project in the Town of Willsboro, where he resides, and helped create the Coon Mountain Preserve in Westport; and since 1978, at his instigation, the Paine family has donated conservation easements to the Adirondack Nature Conservancy, protecting five miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain and the Boquet River as well as some 1,000 acres of farmland and forest; and

WHEREAS, Peter Paine, Jr., in addition, served as a member of the Temporary Study Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks, chaired by Harold K. Hochschild, from 1968 to 1970, and as a Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency from 1971 to 1995; in that capacity, he was the principal draftsman of the Adirondack State Land Master Plan and New York State Wild Scenic and Recreational Rivers legislation; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Paine, Jr. has fittingly been honored many times in recognition and appreciation of his enduring efforts on behalf of the environment, conservation and wilderness preservation; in 1974, he received a North Country Citation from St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York; the Ordre National du Merite from the Republic of France in 1984, and the Howard M. Zahniser Award for the Preservation of Wilderness in New York, which he shared with the late Assemblyman and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Peter A. A. Berle, in 2004; and

WHEREAS, The continuing contributions of Peter S. Paine, Jr. and the Adirondack Museum to the preservation and enhancement of the heritage of the Adirondack Park and the Empire State merit the recognition of this Legislative Body on behalf of the people of the State of New York that future generations may have the opportunity to know and appreciate their unique significance in the history and progression of the evolution of New York State and this nation; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Peter S. Paine, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation by the Adirondack Museum as the recipient of its 2010 Harold K. Hochschild Award on August 19, 2010; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter S. Paine, Jr.