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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Norman Duttweiler upon the occasion of celebrating his 20th year as Producer and Managing Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse in Forestburgh, New York

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Norman Duttweiler upon the occasion of celebrating his 20th year as Producer and Managing Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse in Forestburgh, New York; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Forestburgh Theatre Arts Center's annual fundraiser, to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Norman Duttweiler is the Producer and Managing Director of the Forestburgh Theatre Arts Center, Inc. that manages the Forestburgh Playhouse; after his first appearance as an actor at the Surflight Summer Theatre in 1972, he subsequently appeared with such stars as Lana Turner, Arlene Dahl, Kim Hunter, and George Chakiris in stock and regional productions, and had a role in the long running revival of "Oh! Calcutta!"; his appearance as Jackie Manchester in the Richard Benner film "Too Outrageous" earned him rave notices in the NEW YORK POST; and

WHEREAS, A Summa Cum Laude graduate with a B.A. in Theatre from Fordham University in 1973, Norman Duttweiler took a hiatus from the theatre in the 1980s, and acquired an MBA from the Stern School at New York University he then commenced a Wall Street career as Director of Information Systems for one of Wall Street's most prestigious law firms; and WHEREAS, Norman Duttweiler purchased the Forestburgh Playhouse in 1992; since then has produced more than 160 productions at the Playhouse, and also appeared in "Lips Together, Teeth Apart", "I Do! I Do!",

"1776", "My Fair Lady", "La Cage aux Folles", "The Full Monty", "The Diary of Anne Frank", "Brighton Beach Memoirs", "Broadway Bound", "The Producers", "M. Butterfly", "Hairspray", "Doubt", and "Inherit the Wind"; he is the official Playhouse gardener as well; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992, the Forestburgh Playhouse has continued to offer its own unique version of summer theatre to audiences of Sullivan County; dubbed the "Miracle of the Forest," the Playhouse has continued to exist, and even thrive; and

WHEREAS, Under the skilled and inspired leadership of Norman Duttweiler, by the summer of 1997, the Playhouse celebrated its 50th birthday with a record breaking season, records which have continued to be broken each succeeding summer; overall subscription has now reached 50%, main stage attendance averages about 85%, and the growth shows no signs of slowing down; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Norman Duttweiler has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Norman Duttweiler upon the occasion of celebrating his 20th year as Producer and Managing Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse in Forestburgh, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Norman Duttweiler, P.O. Box 35, Livingston Manor, New York 12758.