

## 2011-J2971

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bert Serling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Bert Serling has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bert Serling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, This fine event will take place on Friday, January 20, 2012 at the Waterloo Holiday Inn; and

WHEREAS, Bert Serling was born in Seneca Falls and graduated from Mynderse Academy; he played football and was a member of the 1946 undefeated football team; he first attended Alfred and then Buffalo Universities where he earned a Doctorate of Law degree in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Bert Serling served in the United States Army until 1956 when he returned home; after being admitted to the bar in 1956, he began the practice of law with his father, Philip Serling; in 1961, he was admitted to the United States Supreme Court and continues to practice law in Seneca Falls to date; and

WHEREAS, Inducted into the inaugural Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010, Bert Serling is involved with several professional organizations, including the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the 7th District Grievance Committee Appellate Division, Fourth Department; active in his community, he is affiliated with: the Jewish War Veterans,

Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, and the Seneca Falls Rotary Club, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Bert Serling 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, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Bert Serling has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Gloria, their children, Mark, Sharon and Steve, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Bert Serling has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bert Serling upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bert Serling.