

2011-J5465

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John and Margot Ernst upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Harold K. Hochschild Award by the Adirondack Museum

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John and Margot Ernst upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Harold K. Hochschild Award by the Adirondack Museum on July 28, 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, John and Margot Ernst divided their time between New York City and Elk Lake Lodge, a family-owned resort near North Hudson, located in the 12,000-acre Elk Lake-Clear Pond private preserve which NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC called "the jewel of the Adirondacks"; John and Margot Ernst are involved in public service through their work with nonprofit organizations in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Margot Ernst was co-chairman of the committee to establish an endowment for the newly created News Bureau at North Country Public Radio; she is on the board of directors of the New York State Audubon

Society and secretary of the board of directors of the National Audubon Society; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Rachel Carson Awards Council, which selects awardees and promotes education and information on the environment, Margot Ernst is co-chairman, with John, of the board of directors of the George Gustav Heye Center of the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution; she has served on the Board of Trustees of the Adirondack Museum and is a retired curator and Associate Director of the Japan Society Gallery; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1960s John Ernst's grandfather donated the first conservation easement in New York State on the land surrounding their property on Elk Lake, preserving public access on trails to the Dixe Mountains and Panther Gorge and on to Mount Marcy; and

WHEREAS, John Ernst was treasurer of the New York League of Conservation Voters, is past president of the Adirondack Landowners Association and treasurer of the board directors of the Adirondack Community Trust; he is a former chair and current director of the Adirondack Council; and

WHEREAS, John Ernst is on the Executive Council of North Country Radio, a board member of the Adirondack Center for Writing, the Open Space Institute and Adirondack Lakes Survey Corporation; in addition, he is a board member of the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution; 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 John and Margot Ernst upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Harold K. Hochschild Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to John and Margot Ernst.