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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Walt Ottens upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Town of Sanford, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Walt Ottens rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Town of Sanford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Walt Ottens served the Town of Sanford with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Walt Ottens was born in Brooklyn and moved to the Town of Sanford with his family at the age of three; after graduating from Deposit High School in 1961, he joined his father in the upholstering business; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1960s, Walt Ottens took over the business and continued to operate it on his own until 1999, when he went full time into assessing and code enforcement; he originally started in Sanford Town government on the Planning Board in 1976; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1978, Walt Ottens ran for the Town Board and was elected to a seat; in 1986, he was appointed as sole assessor and code enforcement officer; he retired as assessor of the Town of Sanford on December 31, 2008, and continued in the position of code enforcement for the Town, officially retiring on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Walt Ottens served two different terms as the president of the Broome County Assessors Association; he also served as assessor for the Towns of Binghamton, Deposit and Tompkins in Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, Walt Ottens is a member and past master of the Deposit Lodge

No. 396 and is affiliated with the Delaware Chapter No. 244 Order of the Eastern Star; since 1969, he has been an officer of the Anthony Cemetery Association in North Sanford, serving many of those years as president, and is currently its treasurer; and

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

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Walt Ottens was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Town of Sanford, Walt Ottens earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Walt Ottens upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Town of Sanford, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Walt Ottens.