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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Executive Director Joe Judd upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Arc Otsego

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Executive Director Joe Judd upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Arc Otsego to be celebrated with an open house at the Arc in Oneonta, New York, on Wednesday, January 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Joe Judd began his career with the Arc Otsego in 1975, when the 10-year-old agency provided only two services, a small summer school program and a sheltered workshop program, which he directed; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, he was promoted to executive director, a position in which he excelled, rendering faithful, conscientious and valuable service, and piloting Arc Otsego through a period of continuous growth spanning the next four decades; and

WHEREAS, Under Executive Director Joe Judd's luminous direction, the Arc Otsego has expanded to include more specialized, community-based services; his leadership helped the organization experiment with many new small business ventures, including a pre-kindergarten, a used furniture store and a furniture refinishing program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joe Judd oversaw the development of Arc Otsego's Residential Support Services, a program which provides transportation and individualized housing for people with developmental disabilities, and the Community Employment Services, which works to provide these men

and women with local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Joe Judd's outstanding knowledge, insight and managerial qualities have helped the Arc Otsego in becoming an organization which today offers community-based services and support to almost 500 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families at more than 20 agency sites throughout Otsego County; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Executive Director Joe Judd was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession 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 commend Executive Director Joe Judd upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Arc Otsego, and to wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joe Judd.