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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James McGrath upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of the Catskills Award by the Coalition to Save Belleayre

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, 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 join the Coalition to Save Belleayre in commending James McGrath upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of its Spirit of the Catskills Award at the Snowball, benefiting the Belleayre Conservatory with Tony Lanza serving as this year's Honorary Chair; and

WHEREAS, James McGrath will receive this auspicious honor at a Masquerade Ball held in his honor at The Emerson in Mount Tremper, New York, on Saturday, January 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, James McGrath retired from the esteemed position of Chief of the Shandaken Police Department on July 18, 2014 after 34 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, The Shandaken Police Department is the respected division it is today due in large part to the leadership and efforts of James McGrath; and

WHEREAS, James McGrath, highly respected by both New York State and federal agencies, 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, James McGrath has proven to be a strong supporter for Belleayre Mountain as well as the Belleayre Music Festival; he also sponsors deserving young athletes who could not otherwise afford to compete in ski racing; and

WHEREAS, A successful businessman operating one of the longest running businesses in a community, James McGrath is also an avid outdoorsman who is recognized as an expert hunter and fisherman throughout the Catskill Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which James McGrath has displayed throughout his life; 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 commend James McGrath upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of the Catskills Award by the Coalition to Save Belleayre; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution; suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James McGrath.