

## 2015-J312

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Benedict F. Gullo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Mr. Canandaigua Award by the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Benedict F. Gullo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Mr. Canandaigua Award by the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at the Chamber's 105th Annual Dinner and Membership Meeting, on Friday, January 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Chamber of Commerce honors a citizen for outstanding service to the residents of Canandaigua; candidates for this award have demonstrated service to the greater community or its people, over and above what can be expected of one person, in the course of everyday living, without or with very little compensation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benedict F. "Ben" Gullo was born on April 9, 1943, to Jane and Frank Gullo; he was raised in Perry, New York, and attended Perry Elementary and High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. "Ben" Gullo was on the Perry Champion Football Team and the Basketball Team, and was President of the student body his senior year, as well as an Officer of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Dr. "Ben" Gullo attended St. Bonaventure University and graduated in 1965, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology; he also studied at the University of Buffalo from 1965-1967,

and merited a Master's degree in Biology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. "Ben" Gullo married his wife, Sharon Carr, on August 16, 1969, and together they served our Nation as members of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, Dr. "Ben" Gullo graduated from the University of Buffalo Dental School, earning a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree; in 1972, he joined Dave Westbrook's Dental Practice, where he happily still works today; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the community he so ably assists, Dr. "Ben" Gullo has served as President of Rotary International, International Dental Club, Merrill Hose Fire Company, and as a past Library Board Member; in 1990 and 2013, he received a Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. "Ben" Gullo is an active member of Rotary International; he has hosted 10 Foreign Exchange Students and currently serves on the Christmas Day Dinner Clean-up Committee; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dr. "Ben" Gullo is the Chairman of 4-Way Test, and faithfully attends the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. "Ben" Gullo proudly uses his skills to help those less fortunate; he went on a Mission Trip to the Amazon, and gives free dental care to participants of Churches in Action Program in the Canandaigua area, as well as donated mouth guards to the Canandaigua Girl's Lacrosse Team; and

WHEREAS, A lover of the great outdoors and the arts, Dr. "Ben" Gullo is a supporting member of Sonnenberg Gardens and Granger Homestead, and teaches veterans how to fly fish; he was also a supporting patron of Seneca Indian Sculpture; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, with him throughout have been his two sons, Gregory F. Gullo and Francis B. Gullo; and three daughters,

Sarah J. Andreacchi, Courtney J. Gullo, and Jane E. Gullo, 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 Dr. Benedict F. Gullo has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Benedict F. Gullo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Mr. Canandaigua Award by the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Benedict F. Gullo.