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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John B. Folmer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America on April 27, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great 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 honor John B. Folmer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America, to be celebrated with a Dinner on Monday, April 27, 2015, at the Hathaway House, Cincinnatus, New York; and

WHEREAS, John B. Folmer was born June 24, 1937, in Cortland, New York; growing up in Homer, he was a member of Boy Scout Troop 98, where he achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, A 1955 graduate of Homer Central High School, John B. Folmer went on to earn a degree from Dartmouth College in 1959; he received a Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law in 1962, and was admitted to practice the same year; and

WHEREAS, After serving his country with distinction as a member of the United States Army, John B. Folmer began to practice law on Wall Street in New York City before returning to Cortland in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, John B. Folmer has served in several capacities including, City Prosecutor for the City of Cortland, Estate Tax Attorney for Cortland County, Family Court Hearing Examiner for Cortland and Tompkins Counties, and Assistant District Attorney for Cortland County; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has instructed Commercial Law classes for the American Institute of Banking and Business Law and Paralegal Studies for Tompkins Cortland Community College; and

WHEREAS, John B. Folmer currently serves as Town Attorney for the Town of Cortlandville, the esteemed position he has held for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, John B. Folmer's professional memberships include his service as the President of the Cortland County Bar Association, as well as the New York State Bar Association, where he was a member of its House of Delegates and its Lawyer's Assistance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, John B. Folmer was one of the founders of Cortland Workshop Incorporated, now the J.M. Murray Center, and was a member and President of the Cortland Exchange Club; he is presently a member of McGraw Lions Club and the Board of Directors of Cortland Overhead Door Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, John B. Folmer has served as President of Boards of Cortland Memorial Hospital, Cortland Rural Cemetery, and the McGraw Central School Board of Education; he is a Past Exalted Ruler of Cortland Lodge BPOE 748 and was a member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Cortland; and

WHEREAS, For several years, John B. Folmer has been President of the Board of Directors of Cortland Repertory Theater, where he has been instrumental in the renovation and opening of the theater's downtown location; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he enjoys his membership in the Cortland Old Timers Band, and has been named a Life Member of the organization; John

B. Folmer is an Ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Governing Board of Christ Community Church; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, the late Carol Hay, with him throughout have been their two children, Todd and Tiffany, as well as

two grandchildren, Carolyn and Spencer, 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 John B. Folmer 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John B. Folmer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America on April 27, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John B. Folmer.