

## 2015-J1697

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Walter C. Gage upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Springstead Award by the Geneva Rotary Club on May 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Walter C. Gage upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Springstead Award by the Geneva Rotary Club, to be celebrated at its Service Above Self Event on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Club 86, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is dedicated to the development of fellowship and understanding among business and professional leaders, the promotion of community-betterment endeavors and of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, Each year since 2010, the Rotary Club of Geneva proudly honors individuals who exemplify those principles of exemplary community service; Walter C. Gage truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, An attorney and city judge for many years, Walter C. Gage moved to Geneva in 1965 from the Ontario County Town of Gorham and began the practice of law with his brother; although he is now retired from his attorney and judicial careers, the Seneca Street law firm still bears the name Gage, Gage & Bleakley; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Walter C. Gage gave 32 years of distinguished

service to Hobart and William Smith Colleges as an Instructor of its Law courses; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Walter C. Gage led the revival of the Jaycees organization in Geneva and served as President the first year; he also served as President of the American Red Cross Board of Directors as well as President of the Ontario County Bar Association and Vice-President of the Yates County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has served the Ontario County IDA for 25 years, and the Boys and Girls Clubs/Community Center Board for six years; he is a Charter Member and Life Member of the Statesmen Athletic Association at Hobart College and a Geneva Country Club Board Member, serving as its President three times; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast dedication to local youth, Walter C. Gage has given tirelessly of his time and energy to the students of Geneva High School, assisting with Moot Court and jury selection in the classroom; he has also volunteered with the local Boy Scouts, Geneva Scholarship Associates and the Geneva Lakefront Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walter C. Gage is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Paul Harris Fellow Award, Rotary International's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, and their three children, Mark (Kelly), David (Theresa), and Lisa, as well as five grandchildren, Meghan, Amy, Kevin, Bryna and Tess, 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 Walter C. Gage 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 Walter C. Gage upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Springstead Award by the Geneva Rotary Club on May 7, 2015, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Walter C. Gage.