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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michael H. Barnes for 10 years of distinguished service as Manager of the Chautauqua Lake Rest Area

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones, deeds and accomplishments in the lives of citizens of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael H. Barnes for his 10 years of distinguished service as Manager of the Chautauqua Lake Rest Area; and

WHEREAS, Opened in May of 2005, the Chautauqua Lake Rest Area on Interstate 86 has proven to be an important means for area businesses to promote their goods and services to visitors to our region and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chautauqua Lake Rest Area is a beautiful and spacious facility, which provides picturesque views of Chautauqua Lake and the surrounding countryside; and

WHEREAS, As the Westernmost rest area and Information Center in the State of New York, and the first look at New York for visitors traveling from the west, the Chautauqua Lake Rest Area confidently represents our great Empire State to the over 200,000 visitors it receives annually and the 40,000 patrons who visit the Information Center each year; and

WHEREAS, Since its grand opening in 2005, Michael H. Barnes has faithfully executed the duties of manager; he precisely maintains and organizes travel information, including New York State maps, local newspapers, and information on Chautauqua County's fine businesses and organizations, so visitors never lack necessary resources; and

WHEREAS, Michael H. Barnes has worked with hundreds of businesses from across the county to solicit their information for the facility, provid-

ing visitors to the region a plethora of helpful brochures regarding area retailers, restaurants, outdoor activities and specialty shops; he has also coordinated the exchange of materials with other information centers, fostering cross-promotion throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Michael H. Barnes has worked with and trained dozens of conscientious volunteers who have become ambassadors for the Chautauqua Region and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Westfield, New York, on November 11, 1943, Michael H. Barnes is known throughout the county as the glue, the oil, and everything else that makes the Chautauqua Lake Rest Area operate smoothly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Mayville Central High School, Michael H. Barnes worked for the U.S. Postal Service; he served as Postmaster of the Mayville Branch, until his retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Betty, and their two children, as well as three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor beloved citizens who have contributed in extraordinary ways to the betterment of the lives of residents of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michael H. Barnes for 10 years of distinguished service as Manager of the Chautauqua Lake Rest Area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael H. Barnes.