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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rebecca Haines, Clerk for the Town of Ellery, New York, upon the occasion of her selection as Clerk of the Year by the New York State Town Clerks Association

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 Nation and Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rebecca Haines of Ellery, New York, upon the occasion of her selection as Town Clerk of the Year by the New York State Town Clerks Association; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Haines began her service as Clerk for the Town of Ellery, New York, in 1981; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, this esteemed woman has dedicated herself to public service, consistently putting the needs of town residents first; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her years of service to residents of the Town of Ellery, Rebecca Haines has served as Clerk, Tax Collector, Records Manager, Notary Public and Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Haines was a founding member of the Chautauqua County Municipal Clerks Association; the organization works to inform, educate and promote the skills and knowledge of Chautauqua County's municipal clerks and other local government staff; she is a past President, Vice President and Treasurer for the organization and is well respected by all for her work and dedication to the association; and

WHEREAS, For 33 years, Rebecca Haines has also been a member of the New York State Town Clerks Association; during that time, she has been an active member of the association, serving as Conference Registration Chair, District Director, Treasurer and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President; from July 1, 2007, until June 30, 2009, she served as President for the New York State Town Clerks Association; and

WHEREAS, A motivated, knowledgeable and dedicated professional, Rebecca Haines is also a member of the International Institute of Municipal

Clerks (IIMC), a professional, nonprofit association that promotes continuing education and certification through university and college-based institutes and provides networking solutions, services and benefits to its members worldwide; through the IIMC's extensive educational programs and course work, she has obtained the titles of Certified Municipal Clerk and Master Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Always an active member of the Chautauqua County community, Rebecca Haines also serves on the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, a not-for-profit organization focused on preserving and enhancing the water quality, scenic beauty and ecological health of the lakes, streams and watersheds of the Chautauqua region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Rebecca Haines is a member of the Fenton History Center in Jamestown, the Lawson Boating Heritage Center in Bemus Point, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Bemus Point, and the Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Rebecca Haines, Clerk for the Town of Ellery, New York, upon the occasion of her selection as Town Clerk of the Year by the New York State Town Clerks Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rebecca Haines.