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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Richard Hays Wilson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedication to the H.R. Wilson Golf Tournament

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hays Wilson has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Richard Hays Wilson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedication to the H.R. Wilson Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 4, 1945, to Homer Richard and Emma-Jean Wilson in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Richard Hays Wilson, known to all as Rick, moved with his family to Weathersfield Bow, Vermont, when he was just six months old; and

WHEREAS, After attending the State University of New York at Delhi for one year, Rick Wilson joined the Operating Engineers Union-Surveying Engineers Union, and began working with a surveying crew in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Rick Wilson was employed by Wiltsie Construction, Oswego, New York, holding the position of Construction Estimator; and

WHEREAS, Rick Wilson has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Always very proud of his father, a World War II Fighter Pilot, Rick Wilson established the H.R. Wilson Golf Tournament to honor his late father's enduring legacy; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, the H.R. Wilson Golf Tournament has supported Homes For Our Troops, a vital organization whose mission is to build specially adapted homes for service members who have been severely injured in combat operations since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, All homes are built at no cost to the veteran through the generous support of individuals, foundations and corporate contributors and, to date, more than 158 veterans have been able to regain their freedom and independence through the gift of a fully accessible home, built according to their individual needs; and

WHEREAS, Homer R. Wilson died on June 19, 1997, at the age of 75; a member of First Presbyterian Church in King Ferry, New York, he was the proud father of five children, Richard Hays, Steven Ellsworth, Bruce Edward, Debra Jean, and Peter Norman; and

WHEREAS, Today, Rick Wilson continues to take great pride in the H.R. Wilson Golf Tournament, ensuring it is well organized, and that the focus remains on our Nation's veterans; he strives to make it run as efficiently as possible in order to donate a great deal of money to this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rick Wilson rigorously works to line up donations, and procure sponsors for this auspicious event, in an effort to keep it affordable so many people can participate; as the tournament grows, his son, Brian, assists with online support and Cayuga County Treasurer, Jimmy Orman, helps with fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Under Rick Wilson's luminous leadership, 80 enthusiastic golfers participated in the 2014 event, raising a significant amount of funds; this year's tournament will be held June 27-28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rick Wilson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, An avid family man, Rick Wilson spent many summers boating, waterskiing, and enjoying ice cream with his wife and children on Cayuga

Lake; and

WHEREAS, Gifted in soccer and baseball, Rick Wilson has played on both youth teams and adult leagues; as his children became involved in sports, he was always available to cheer them on, no matter how far he had to drive to see them; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Wells College Course, Aurora, New York, Rick Wilson is a respected and proficient golfer; even though he has retired multiple times over his career, he currently mows lawns at the golf course; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving, wife, Kaye, his four devoted children, Kristina (Edward), Kasandra (Tod), Brian (Dacey), and Corinne, and his six cherished grandchildren, Madeiline, Braden, Alexandra, Charlotte, Rhys, and Ruby, as well as his beloved sister, Debra Jean, and brother, Steven, 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 Rick Wilson has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Richard Hays Wilson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his role in the success of the H.R. Wilson Golf Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Hays Wilson.