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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Carl F. Becker upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the citizens of Delaware County, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Delaware County community has been ably served and uniquely enriched through the selfless dedication and benevolent concern of Judge Carl F. Becker; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Carl F. Becker upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the citizens of Delaware County to be celebrated at a dinner held in his honor on Saturday, August 1, 2015, at Castle on the Delaware in Walton New York; and

WHEREAS, Carl F. Becker is a graduate of Clarkson University and received his Juris Doctor from Albany Law School; he has delivered clinical legal education lectures on Family Court issues for such groups as the American Bar Association, and the Albany Law School Government Law Center, and has served as a trainer for caseworkers at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant was first elected as Delaware County Judge in 2002, and since that time, has presided over one thousand felony convictions, and more than two thousand cases in Family Court; he has also served as Surrogate Court Judge, and was appointed Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2011; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure serving the people of Delaware County, Judge Carl F. Becker was governed by a keen sense of duty and

always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his election, Judge Carl F. Becker ably served in county government which enabled him to assemble a highly qualified and committed group of professionals to serve as an advisory team to support the on-going efforts of Delaware County's first Drug Treatment Court; and

WHEREAS, After opening the Drug Treatment Court in 2005, Judge Carl F. Becker has helped enable numerous people charged with non-violent addiction related crimes to avoid incarceration through intense probation supervision, comprehensive treatment, random drug testing, and close monitoring; these efforts have saved significant amounts of tax payer funds and social services related expenses, while restoring people to productive roles in society; and

WHEREAS, The Delaware County Drug Treatment Court was expanded in 2007 to include parents with addiction issues whose children were in foster care or in danger of foster care placement; and

WHEREAS, Throughout a 40-year career of purposeful endeavor, Judge Carl F. Becker has remained true to his commitment, serving family, faith and community, as well as the law; his contributions, innovations and accomplishments have brought great benefit and positive influence to bear upon the course of jurisprudence and the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Judge Carl F. Becker has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Delaware County Bar Association, where he served two years as President; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Judge Carl F. Becker has been a 40-year member of the Stanford Rotary Club and has participated in numerous service projects; he also serves on the Board of Directors of Otschodela Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is the Chairman of

its Risk Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Judge Carl F. Becker is a member of Stanford Presbyterian Church where he has served as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, elder, and most recently, as a member of the Pastoral Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 40 years, Christine, their two children, Jon and Valerie (Ross), and his granddaughter, Violet, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Judge Carl F. Becker, in every capacity in which he served, has left his permanent mark on the criminal justice community and will forever be remembered as a determined, innovative and genuinely concerned expert in his field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Judge Carl F. Becker upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the citizens of Delaware County, New York, and to extend its sincere gratitude for his contributions to the people of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Carl F. Becker.