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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Theodore M. Fafinski upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Theodore M. Fafinski upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, After 25 years in local government, 16 of which he served as Farmington Town Supervisor and member of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, Theodore "Ted" M. Fafinski will officially retire on May 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his illustrious career in public service, Ted Fafinski honorably served on active duty in the United States Air Force for more than two decades; his career in the private sector spanned several years as a Human Resource Consultant and Operations Manager in the telecommunications and financial services industries; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he has taught in the business and human resource areas at both Onondaga Community College and Finger Lakes Community College; and

WHEREAS, Ted Fafinski received an Associate in Applied Science degree and an Associate in Arts degree before earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College; he went on to earn a Master of Science degree from Chapman University; and

WHEREAS, As a full time Supervisor for the Town of Farmington, Ted Fafinski also serves as the Budget Officer for the Town and Canandaigua Farmington Water District as well as a number of special districts; in addition, he represents residents of Farmington as a member of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, where he served as Chairman of the Board for seven years between 2006 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, During his esteemed tenure, Ted Fafinski was instrumental in the success of numerous town projects including the construction of Mertensia Park Lodge in 2009; the rebuilding and doubling in size of the waste water treatment facility; the development of a highway campus, state-of-the-art highway garage and maintenance shop in 2013; the construction of a 7,000-ton capacity salt storage facility in conjunction with the highway campus; and the construction of a state-of-the-art security system for a new court facility; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Ted Fafinski has served as a member of the Town of Farmington Bicentennial Committee, the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, and the Farmington Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is a member of the American Legion Post No. 259, Air Force Sergeants Association, and a life member of Disabled American Veterans; and

WHEREAS, A man of true integrity, Ted Fafinski leads by example; he has served the Town of Farmington with distinction, enthusiasm, dedication and honor, and has overseen countless initiatives that have made

his community a better and stronger place to live; and

WHEREAS, For the past 16 years, Ted Fafinski rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Town of Farmington, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Ted Fafinski over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 47 years, Rosalie, and their children, Daniel (Laura) and Rebecca (Eric), as well as three grandchildren, Henry, Isabella and Sidney, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Theodore M. Fafinski upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theodore M. Fafinski.