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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mayor William Nelson upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years of distinguished service to the City of Ogdensburg, New York

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mayor William Nelson upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years of distinguished service to the City of Ogdensburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mayor William Nelson has served as a public servant for the residents of St. Lawrence for over two decades; he served on the Ogdensburg City Council for six years, and was a member of the Planning Commission for three years; and

WHEREAS, William Nelson was then elected to the esteemed position of Mayor of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, a position he held for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, During his many years of public service, Mayor William Nelson was instrumental in a number of projects which have had a positive effect on the community, including the demolition of Diamond National and its subsequent clean-up for redevelopment, clean-up of polluted properties and shorelines, new businesses, jobs and capital investment in the City, the building of the Dobisky Visitors' Center, improvement of the city's recreational facilities and the fight to preserve jobs at both the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility and the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as a public servant, Mayor William Nelson

served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mayor William Nelson upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years of distinguished service to the City of Ogdensburg, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor William Nelson.