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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gary Fahey upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the YMCA

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gary Fahey upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Gary Fahey has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the YMCA and to his community, serving with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, A 1977 graduate of Burnt Hills High School, Gary Fahey went on to earn an associate's degree in Recreation from Hudson Valley Community College, as well as a bachelor's degree in Recreation from Brockport State University in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Gary Fahey began his illustrious career as Assistant Physical Director with the Albany YMCA in 1984, and that same year became Senior Program Director overseeing Health and Fitness; he went on to serve in such capacities as Center Program Director, Associate Executive Director, Health Enhancement Program Director, and Senior Program Director; and

WHEREAS, A true leader, Gary Fahey was promoted to Oneida Facility

Branch Director in 2005, and just three years later was named Vice President of Membership and Program Services as well as Vice President of Development; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Gary Fahey earned the title of Rome Family YMCA Executive Director, the esteemed position from which he is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Truly carrying the mission of the YMCA in his heart, Gary Fahey has shown a steadfast and unrelenting commitment to this vital organization for 35 years, and has touched the lives of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Rome Family YMCA, Gary Fahey has earned 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 Gary Fahey over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gary Fahey upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the YMCA, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Fahey.