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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Chelus upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Neil Sherwood Civility Award by the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons who provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Chelus upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Neil Sherwood Civility Award by the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, December 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award, given in honor of the late attorney Neil Sherwood, is bestowed upon Michael Chelus for his civility and dedication to the practice of law, and for his commitment to serving as counsel to both the Orchard Park and Colden Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, Admitted to the New York State Bar in 1968, Michael Chelus began serving as counsel for the Orchard Park Fire District in 1971, and then the Colden Fire District in 2003; and

WHEREAS, From 1968-1971, Michael Chelus proudly served his country as a member of the JAG Corps in the United States Army, serving in the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, A former Senior Partner at Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer & Monte, longtime trial attorney, Michael Chelus devoted his practice to defending personal injury litigation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to practicing law, Michael is a member of countless professional associations, including the American Bar Association,

the New York Bar Association, the American Arbitration Association, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York, the American Legion, as well as the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Chelus upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Neil Sherwood Civility Award by the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Chelus.