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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Barry Tharp upon the occasion of his designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 6, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Barry Tharp upon the occasion of his designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, to be celebrated at an Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012, by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular merit, Dr. Barry Tharp, Auburn High Class of 1954, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and his profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of East High School in 1954, Barry Tharp always loved animals; as a young man, he had a mini-zoo in his garage on North Hunter Avenue in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Barry Tharp attended Cornell Veterinary School; while there, he developed an interest in neurology and trans-

ferred to Cornell Medical School in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barry Tharp successfully completed his neurology residency at Duke University Medical Center and a post-doctoral Fellowship in

Epilepsy and Electroencephalography at Stanford Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barry Tharp pursued his academic medical career as a Pediatric Neurologist at Stanford University School of Medicine from 1967-1990, and then Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas from 1990-2000; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Dr. Barry Tharp was primarily engaged in clinical medicine caring for infants and children with neurological disorders; his research was scientific and concentrated on the neurological disorders afflicting newborn infants including epilepsy and autism; and

WHEREAS, While at Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Barry Tharp held the position of Director of The Blue Bird Clinic which provided care to children from all over the United States and many foreign countries regardless of the parent's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Well-respected in the academic medical field, Dr. Barry Tharp traveled to many foreign countries to deliver lectures and attend conferences; in addition, he spent sabbaticals in both Paris, France and Sydney, Australia; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Barry Tharp served as President of the American Epilepsy Society and the American Society of Clinical Neurophysiology as well as Secretary of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Dr. Barry Tharp stopped practicing medicine, however, he continued to teach at the medical school and at the University of

California, College of Veterinary Medicine and was involved in clinical research projects; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dr. Barry Tharp holds a faculty position in Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of California, Davis Medical Center in

Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, When he is not working, Dr. Barry Tharp enjoys spending time with his family and reading a good book; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former Nancy Stone, and his four children, and grandchildren, 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Barry Tharp upon the occasion of his designation as a 2016 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on May 6, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Barry Tharp.