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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Tom Lewis 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 Tom Lewis 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, Tom Lewis 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 resident of Auburn, New York, Tom Lewis graduated from Merrimack College, and became a licensed Certified Public Accountant; today, he holds the position of Chief Financial Officer of Johnston Paper Company, a food service and cleaning solutions distributor in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lewis began his 35-year Accounting and Finance career as a Junior Partner at Dermondy, Burke & Brown CPAs; he then worked at GTE Sylvania, and finally became employed at Johnston Paper Company in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lewis was instrumental in helping Johnston Paper Company grow and become one of the top leading distributors in New York State; as a result of his hard work, he was named the 2013 Financial Executive of the Year by the CENTRAL NEW YORK BUSINESS JOURNAL which is given to financial professionals in the Central New York region for their outstanding performance in their roles as corporate financial stewards; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the community in which he lives and works, Tom Lewis has been a vital member of several Boards of Directors including the E. John Gavras Center, Cayuga Strategic Solution (CSS), Cayuga County College Foundation, and Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA); and

WHEREAS, In addition, Tom Lewis volunteers his time and energy to the American Red Cross and the Auburn Ice Hawks where he also served as a coach; he also holds the positions of Chairman and co-Chair for the United Way of Cayuga County campaign; and

WHEREAS, For the past two years, Tom Lewis has held the title of Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus, and has served as a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Church for the last five years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former Jean Hogan, his children, Sean, Ryan, Brendan, and Maggie, as well as the late Christian, 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 Tom Lewis 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 Tom Lewis.