

2015-J4760

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Will vonWedel upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Community Spirit Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Will vonWedel has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Will vonWedel upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Community Spirit Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 31st Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1957, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce works on a local and regional level to advance economic development and foster a positive business environment; it offers resources for residents, business, recreation and relocation in Bethlehem and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Selkirk, New York, Will vonWedel is active in the Bethlehem community through his involvement with a variety of organizations, in addition to having a full-time career with Spiral Design Studios; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Will vonWedel is in his sixth year as the President of the Bethlehem Girls Basketball Club, an organization which offers girls in third through eighth grades a safe and fun environment to develop fundamental and advanced basketball skills, while emphasizing sportsmanship, building confidence, fair play, discipline and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, In his role as President, Will vonWedel organizes try-outs, AAU spring basketball, Summer League play, summer camps, and Fall Open Gym; he is responsible for coordinating all gym time for practices and games, and for scheduling referees; and

WHEREAS, This past year, nearly 90 girls participated on eight teams, ranking the Bethlehem Girls Basketball Club as the second largest basketball program in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Will vonWedel is a member of the Board of Directors for the Bethlehem Boys Basketball Club, where he assists on game days to run game clocks or to help out at the concession stand; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Will vonWedel has served on the Board of Directors of the Tri-Village Little League for four years, where he worked the concessions stand, handled referee payments, and helped maintain the fields by raking, mowing, and re-lining; and

WHEREAS, Will vonWedel has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Will vonWedel has been known as a leader who is always willing to listen, roll up his sleeves and get the job done; his involvement with each of these organizations has resulted in the continued betterment of the Bethlehem community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Will vonWedel has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Will vonWedel upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of

the 2016 Community Spirit Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Will vonWedel.