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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ray Baker upon the occasion of his designation as the Citizen of the Years by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce on June 3, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ray Baker upon the occasion of his designation as the Citizen of the Years by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its annual dinner meeting on Friday, June 3, 2016, at the Sidney Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Ray Baker is being honored with this prestigious award in recognition of his dedication, commitment and service to those in the Sidney Community; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Ray Baker served the Village of Sidney for 20 years before taking his current job as a regional fire manager with Donan Engineering Company, Inc., the esteemed position he has held for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Ray Baker has also served as the Town and Village of Sidney animal control officer and the Town of Unadilla dog control officer; and

WHEREAS, Ray Baker has held all ranks in the Sidney Fire Department, including chief, and is currently serving again as its assistant chief; he is also a Delaware County deputy fire coordinator and chairman of the

Delaware County Cause and Origin Team; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Ray Baker was instrumental in forming the full-time Sidney EMS with 24/7 coverage, and is currently serving as president of the board; he also serves as president elect of the Sidney Rotary Club and will begin his term as president in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, Ray Baker was born as one of 12 children to Ray and Margaret Baker in Walton, New York; he grew up in Trout Creek, and then moved to Sidney where he began his 31-year career with the Sidney Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Today, Ray Baker continues to reside in Sidney with his wife Melissa; they are the proud parents of three sons and have two grandsons, as well as one grandchild on the way; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ray Baker has displayed throughout his life; 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 Ray Baker upon the occasion of his designation as the Citizen of the Years by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce on June 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ray Baker.