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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kevin Keeley upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce after many years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kevin Keeley upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce after many years of distinguished service; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Riverview, Elmira, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of true integrity, Kevin Keeley leads by example; he has served Chemung County with distinction, enthusiasm, dedication and honor, and has overseen countless initiatives that have made his community a better and stronger place to live; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Keeley began his illustrious career at the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce in 1971; his work brought him to such diverse cities as Bridgeport, Buffalo and Phoenix before coming to the Chemung Chamber in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Kevin Keeley, the Chemung Chamber of Commerce has championed numerous initiatives to improve the business climate of New York State, including Medicaid Reform, Workers

Compensation Reform, I 86 Funding, Skilled Workforce Training, Business Tax Cuts, Unfunded Mandate Relief, Property Tax Cap, Natural Gas Drilling, Reduced Energy Costs, Solutions for Education Funding and many more; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Keeley has served on numerous boards, committees, and task forces such as Southern Tier Economic Growth, Finger Lakes Wine Country, Southern Tier Industries, Elmira-Corning Regional Airport, Regional Job Fair, Chemung County Energy, Health Education Center, Wings of Eagles, Twin Tiers Economic Development, CSS Workforce NY, Chemung County Child Care Council, Elmira Downtown Development, Elmira Country Club, and Southern Tier Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, Kevin Keeley has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Chemung County, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Kevin Keeley over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; 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 commend Kevin Keeley upon the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce after many years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Keeley.