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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard F. Company upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service as an agricultural teacher at Alexandria Central School

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard F. Company upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service as an agricultural teacher at Alexandria Central School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard F. Company is the recipient of the Alexandria Bay Citizen of the Year Award for his selfless dedication to the Alexandria Bay youth and to the community at large; a celebration will be held in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year banquet at Cavallario's Steak House on June 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Before embarking on his teaching career, Richard F. Company received a bachelor's and a master's degree from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at Alexandria Central School, the agricultural program has seen tremendous growth and gained several U.S. Department of Agriculture grants, incorporating leadership training in the classroom, and including competitions at the New York State Fair, county fairs, and national FFA conferences; and

WHEREAS, Richard F. Company has also led his students in sponsoring bloodmobiles, highway clean-up programs and arranging petting zoos at the school; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his teaching career, Richard F. Company has been a member of the Alexandria Bay Volunteer Fire Department for more

than 20 years, a Eucharistic minister and lector at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, served on the Catholic Community of Alexandria Finance Council, supported the Relay for Life River Rompers team and served as the announcer at the community's annual figure skating show; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, Richard F. Company has been a member of the Progressive Development Committee which works to enhance the Alexandria Bay community where he has been especially active in maintaining the community gardens at the Macsherry Library; and WHEREAS, Richard F. Company has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his students, his colleagues and the members of his community; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard F. Company upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service as an agricultural teacher at Alexandria Central School, and as the recipient of the Alexandria Bay's Citizen of the Year Award; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard F. Company.