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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gordon J. Silsby upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the City of Sherrill 2016 Centennial Parade on July 30, 2016

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders proudly resonates with the rich and noble history of New York State and this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals and events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gordon J. Silsby upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the City of Sherrill 2016 Centennial Parade on July 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In 1916, the City of Sherrill was granted a charter and incorporated as a city with a City Manager form of government; the current City Commission held its April meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the date the Sherrill charter was signed; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Centennial Parade is part of a big weekend of Anniversary events, activities and celebrations to be held from July 29-30, 2016, in Sherrill, New York; the parade will feature Grand Marshal Gordon "Gordie" J. Silsby, bands, performers, dignitaries, organizations and local residents; and

WHEREAS, Gordon J. Silsby was chosen for this most auspicious honor in recognition of his many years of ceaseless dedicated service to the City of Sherrill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Gordon J. Silsby and his wife, Beverly, moved to the city of Sherrill in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after moving, Gordon J. Silsby started working for Oneida Limited; in 1960, he took a job with the Sherrill Post Office and remained there until his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Gordon J. Silsby 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, Giving back to the city that welcomed him, Gordon J. Silsby served on the Sherrill City Commission for 16 years, including 10 years as Mayor and four years as City Manager; he also held the positions of Commander of the Sherrill American Legion, and President of the Oneida Lions Club; in addition, he coached Sherrill's Little League and Pop Warner Football teams; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 34 years, Gordon J. Silsby has served as Chairperson of the Sherrill Electric Board, and is a member of the Board for both the Sherrill-Kenwood Water Board and Valley View Cemetery Board; he is also a founding member of the Noyes Manor Board of Directors and is Director Emeritus of Noyes Manor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Beverly, and his daughter Deb, all of whom feel privileged to be part of his life and rejoice in this honor; and

WHEREAS, The treasured values of families united and wholesome entertainment for all ages reflected in this event help to foster community spirit and cooperation, as well as preserve the beliefs, ideals and values for which our forefathers declared the independence of these United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gordon J. Silsby upon the occasion of his selection as Grand

Marshal of the City of Sherrill 2016 Centennial Parade on July 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Marshal Gordon J. Silsby.