

## 2019-J2423

Senate Resolution No. 2423

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMENDING Mayor Ronald Woodward upon the occasion  
of his retirement after four decades of service to  
his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and  
honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have  
devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their  
community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commend Mayor Ronald Woodward upon the occasion of his retirement after  
almost four decades of service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Born in the old Fulton Hospital in 1949, Ronald Woodward  
has spent his life serving the residents of the City of Fulton, New  
York, as a key member of its government; in this role, he strived to  
improve services to each and every one of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, After buying a home in Fulton's sixth ward, Ronald Woodward  
served on the Fulton Common Council from 1982 until December 31, 1985,  
when he was elected Mayor, a role he held until he stepped down two  
years later; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Ronald Woodward decided to return to public service and was once again elected to the Fulton Common Council; in 2004, he accepted a position as the executive assistant to the mayor before assuming that title in 2008, a position he faithfully served until his retirement in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Mayor Ronald Woodward diligently worked to seek new ways to save taxpayer dollars, and led the city's efforts to rehabilitate the former Nestle site, several Fulton neighborhoods and Lake Neatahwanta; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Woodward has also held the title of President of the Fulton Housing Authority Board of Directors, and played key roles in a number of local organizations including the American Cancer Society, the Fulton Salvation Army, the Cub Scouts and Parent Teacher Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his numerous years of civic service and volunteer efforts, Ronald Woodward was employed by Nestle until it closed in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Woodward's passion for the City of Fulton and its people is second to none and through his service, he has truly made the city of Fulton a better place to work, live and play; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as public servant, Mayor Ronald Woodward served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when

individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mayor Ronald Woodward upon the occasion of his retirement after almost four decades of service to his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor Ronald Woodward.