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Senate Resolution No. 1023

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Terry Barber upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging in May of 2021

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Terry Barber upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging in May 2021; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Terry Barber has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and, consequently, has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Keeseville Central School, Terry Barber attended SUNY Plattsburgh to pursue a teaching degree while working to pay tuition; and

WHEREAS, After completing his student teaching at both Harrison Avenue and Tanglewood schools in South Glens Falls, Terry Barber began his illustrious 33-year career in education as a fifth grade teacher at Fort Ann Central School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, during the summer months he was employed in numerous capacities, including as a New York State Park Ranger at the Million Dollar Beach in Lake George, a driver for Freihofer Bakery, a firewood distributor for Valley View Firewood, a real estate agent, and a store clerk at Aspland's Store; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the Fort Ann Central School community, Terry Barber served as the safety chairman for the elementary school and co-chaired a cystic fibrosis bike-a-thon; his fifth-graders learned valuable lessons in government while he helped his students become community volunteers by petitioning the State of New York to create a safer intersection in the Town of Fort Ann; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, when this extraordinary man was not teaching, he was helping out his fellow teachers by serving in various positions

as a member of the Fort Ann Teachers' Association, including president, vice president, treasurer, negotiator and grievance representative; and

WHEREAS, A life member of the Fort Ann EMS, Terry Barber served the rescue squad as an EMT, First Aid Captain, president, vice president, treasurer, board member and CPR instructor for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Terry Barber serves as a trustee for the Village of Fort Ann, and as a member of the Knights of Columbus, BPOE Elks, and the Washington County Hazmat Team; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he serves as a member of the Washington County Traffic Safety Board and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Washington County Home for Aged Women, as well as a devoted parishioner of St. Ann's Church for over 40 years, serving as trustee and parish council; and

WHEREAS, Terry Barber met his wife Maureen in 1974, and they married five years later; they are the proud parents of three children, Melissa, Colleen and Patrick; and the loving grandparents of two grandsons, Sam and Will; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Terry Barber has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Terry Barber has enriched the lives of his family, friends and colleagues through his love and respect for others, and through the wisdom which comes from many years of living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Terry Barber upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Terry Barber.