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Senate Resolution No. 1757

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Carl T. Baker, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce on April 1, 2022

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carl T. Baker, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 33rd Annual Dinner on Friday, April 1, 2022, at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, New York; and

WHEREAS, The J. Walter Juckett Award, named in honor of the longtime chairman of the Sandy Hill Corporation, was created 33 years ago to recognize and honor a deserving member of the community who has

selflessly gone above and beyond by contributing time and energy to help others; Carl T. Baker is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1914, the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC) is a 100 percent membership funded organization representing businesses in New York State's Washington, Warren, Essex and Northern Saratoga Counties with a mission to serve its members and business community through advocacy efforts, education opportunities and the power of connection and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Carl T. Baker, Esq. is a founding shareholder of FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth, P.C. as well as former managing partner and current head of the firm's Trusts and Estates practice group; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Carl T. Baker has been a true asset to his profession, authoring multiple publications, lecturing for the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Programs, and chairing several of its CLE programs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2013 he led the 4,000 plus members of Trusts and Estates Law Section of the NYSBA as the Section Chair, and in 2015 he was elected to the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, among other lawyering awards; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his beloved community, Carl T. Baker has served on countless boards, councils, and committees, including: Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls, Glens Falls Kiwanis Foundation, Board of Governors of Glens Falls Hospital, Planned Giving

Council of Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls Hospital Foundation, Widowed Persons Service of Greater Glens Falls Area, Compre-Care Inc., Glens Falls YMCA Legacy Club Committee and WAMC Gift Planning Advisory

Committee; and

WHEREAS, Carl T. Baker has truly given tirelessly of himself to the Adirondack Region as a volunteer, never expecting anything in return except for the satisfaction it brings him to help others; and

WHEREAS, Born in Gloversville, New York, Carl T. Baker received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University in 1973, before earning his J.D. from Albany Law School in 1978; he was then admitted to the Bar in 1979; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Sandra Stoffolano, and his two children, Christopher and Jessica, all of whom feel privileged to be in his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Carl T. Baker has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Carl T. Baker, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carl T. Baker, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carl T. Baker, Esq.