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WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Schodack Town Board to act in accord with its longstanding traditions, honoring the achievement of those who have given so generously to their community, exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great Town, and

WHEREAS, Gary Ziegler has distinguished himself as a person of outstanding ability, establishing a high standard of integrity, and has imparted a sense of fairness and compassion to his position of Building Inspector in the Town of Schodack, and

WHEREAS, Gary has been a life-long resident of the Town of Schodack and a graduate of Maple Hill High School, class of 1970, and

WHEREAS, over the years, Gary has attended numerous Building, Code Enforcement and Judicial courses to further hone his skills, and

WHEREAS, Gary was appointed Assistant Building Inspector for the Town of Schodack on January 14, 1988, Gary resigned his position on May 20, 1993 to follow a dream, moving out west. His ties to Schodack soon brought him back. He was reinstated as Assistant Building Inspector on July 22, 1993 working thru Sept 15, 1993, leaving again to go back out west to work as the Building Inspector for Jackson Hole, Wyoming until October 1995, once again returning to Schodack and on June 28, 1999 he was reappointed as Assistant Building Inspector, advancing to the role of Building Inspector on November 1, 2010 serving faithfully in these roles under Supervisors: Beth Morgan, Jack Nelson, Michael Glavin, Joseph McCabe, Eileen Natoli, Beth Secor and Dennis Dowds until his retirement on June 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Gary has held the appointed position of Fire Investigator and served on the Town of Schodack Fire Investigation Unit for numerous years, and

WHEREAS, early on, Gary demonstrated his commitment to the community and country by serving in the United States Army as a Munitions Specialist from 1974-1976; as a member of the Castleton Volunteer Fire Company, serving as Captain and Lieutenant; and as a member Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Inc., serving as President, Captain and in various other positions and continues serving our community as a life member in both Castleton Volunteer Fire Company and Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Inc., and

WHEREAS, Gary has further demonstrated his commitment to the community as a Justice for the Village of Castleton, he serving as substitute Justice for the Town of Schodack during Justice Albert Peter's term and serving as part-time Building Inspector for the Villages of Castleton and Nassau and also for the Town of Nassau, and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2007 Gary put many of his skills into action when he noticed smoke coming out of a house vent on 2378 East Schodack Road and, without hesitation or fear of life or limb, armed with his fire extinguisher

from the Town-owned vehicle, proceeded into the residence and knocked down the blaze which was already attacking the wall, cabinets, microwave and butcher block storing knives, successfully knocking the fire down, and

WHEREAS, Gary has demonstrated his love of family as the father of Michael, Brandi and Brian, grandpa to Kelcey and Lacey, great grandpa to Layla and devoted husband to Donna for over 41 years, and

WHEREAS, Gary, over the years, has demonstrated his love of camping, enjoying the great outdoors, fishing and relaxing

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack is moved to honor Gary Ziegler, who has given himself to this community in so many ways and distinguished himself throughout his career bringing great pride to his family, his peers, his associates and his community by being a person of commitment, integrity and an impressive role model for all, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack will pause in its deliberations on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014 to acknowledge and honor Gary Ziegler, upon his retirement, for his 20 years of service to the Town of Schodack and a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be transmitted to him.