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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chiropractor Dr. Richard Craft as he celebrates 60 years of building strength and going strong

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ellenville, New York Chiropractor Dr. Richard Craft as he celebrates 60 years of building strength and going strong; and

WHEREAS, Retirement is not something Dr. Craft looks forward to; he is enjoying his 60th year of providing chiropractic care to the hundreds of patients who have visited his North Main Street office where Craft Chiropractic has been a village mainstay since 1953; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Ellenville, in his junior year of high school, Dr. Craft's future was strongly influenced by the occurrence of an accident in which his grandfather was seriously injured and greatly benefited from his treatment by Chiropractor Dr. Joseph Mason who had an office in the village and had treated Dr. Craft's mother; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craft's grandfather went to his first visit in a wheelchair and by the next spring was back on his tractor, a fact which made such a big impression on Dr. Craft that after graduating from Ellenville High School, he left his beloved Ellenville for New York City to be educated in chiropractic methods; and

WHEREAS, Before long Dr. Craft was back in Ellenville with his chiropractic degree and was treating patients in his parents' living room on Warren Street; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craft and his wife Dale were married in September 1953 and, two months later, he set up his practice in a house at 38 North Main Street; Dale's father, a contractor, created office space in the front of the house and Richard and Dale lived in two rooms in the back and, Dale, trained in office skills, became the Office Manager, a title she holds to this day; and

WHEREAS, The family has since moved to a home in Wawarsing, but the

office stands as proudly on North Main Street as it did 60 years ago;  
and

WHEREAS, Dr. Craft's son, Dr. Mark Craft, followed in his footsteps  
and joined the practice, along with his wife, Dr. Allise A. Marter; Dr.  
Joseph F. Grable, along with two full-time and two part-time staff round  
out the practice; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his practice, Dr. Craft is an involved and  
valued member of his community; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of Gideons International, the Sportsmen's  
Association, the Noonday Club, and several other organizations and is a  
founding member of the Community Bible Church in Wawarsing; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 2000, he served two terms as Wawarsing Town  
Supervisor and is justly proud of his role in the revamping of the Napa-  
noch water supply, keeping the Ellenville Hospital intact, the opening  
of a day-care center at the old Napanoch school, and the growing success  
of the Joseph Y. Resnick Airport and, he is, in addition, in appreci-  
ation of the knives which were once manufactured in Ellenville, a found-  
er of the Knife Museum expected to open in the summer of 2013; now,  
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
honor, in recognition and appreciation of his dedication, commitment and  
service to his community, its citizens, and his profession, Chiropractor

Dr. Richard Craft as he continues to go strong and proudly celebrates  
60 years of building strength; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Dr. Richard Craft.