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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Larry Becker upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame as a Member of the Class of 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Larry Becker upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame as a Member of the Class of 2013 on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the New York State Outdoorsman Hall of Fame Annual Banquet, to be held at The Rusty Rail in Canastota, New York; and

WHEREAS, Organized in 1983 as the Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame, the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame (NYSOHOF) was formed to seek out and honor those individuals who not only have exhibited genuine excellence in hunting, fishing, trapping, and related outdoor sports, but have demonstrated sincere and continuing dedication to natural resources conservation; these individuals are honored "not for what they have taken, but for what they have given"; and

WHEREAS, The NYSOHOF promotes, organizes and participates in activities which are directed toward youth, their education, and the education of others with the belief that through a better understanding of man's relationship with his environment comes a better understanding of one's place and purpose therein; and

WHEREAS, Larry Becker of Gainesville, New York, is a leader and opinion maker within the Western New York and statewide sportsmen community; he has been a leading advocate for the concerns of sportsmen and an articulate voice on behalf of conservationists everywhere; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of Larry Becker on issues affecting sportsmen

and conservationists in New York State is evidenced by his chairmanship of the New York State Sportsmen's Advisory Council, a division of the New York State Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Larry Becker has had a lengthy and distinguished involvement with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF); he joined NWTF in 1987 and served the New York's Lake Plains Chapter, as well as serving the Wyoming County Gobblers in a variety of roles, including as NWTF representative for the Wyoming County Wildlife Federation of Sportsmen; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Larry Becker served as President of the New York State Chapter of NWTF, as President of his local chapter, and Chairman of the New York State Chapter Wild Turkey Woodlands Committee; and WHEREAS, In 2013, Larry Becker was awarded a Latham Service Award for his dedication in carrying out NWTF's mission of conserving wild turkeys and preserving our hunting heritage; he knows that conservation and hunting go hand-in-hand; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Larry Becker is a member of both the National Rifle Association and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and has been honored as the 2010 New York State Conservation Council Volunteer Conservationist of the Year; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Larry Becker for his extraordinary accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; 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 recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations with praise and pride to honor Larry Becker upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame as a Member of the Class of 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Larry Becker.