

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 10, 2012**

*I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2012, a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, Joseph R. Wales is a fixture of the Orchard Park community and his service positively impacts individuals and families throughout Orchard Park; and*

*WHEREAS, many know Joe as a knowledgeable hardware and home furnishings expert at W.G. Arthur Co., where he started in 1994 as a junior at Orchard Park High School and now serves as owner and President; and*

*WHEREAS, others know of Joe as a Director of the Orchard Park Business Association, where he was one of the original organizers of Caribbean Night, which has become a summer showcase event in the Village of Orchard Park and an event for which Joe has served as Chairman for the past several years; and*

*WHEREAS, still others know of Joe as past-President of the Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce, where he continues to serve on the committee that organizes the annual Community Marketplace at the Orchard Park High School, as well as Chairman of the Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee; and*

*WHEREAS, Joe is also known at Orchard Park High School as a board member of the Orchard Park High School Academy of Finance, which introduces high school students to career opportunities available in the financial services industry through involvement in a hands-on business curriculum, as well as a mentor for the Orchard Park High School Career Exploration Internship Program; and*

*WHEREAS, Joe has also served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Orchard Park, serving as its Secretary from 2008-2010; and*

*WHEREAS, Joe is also a member of the WNY Southtowns Scenic Byway Committee, American Legion Post 567 Sons of the Legion and the Pet Heaven Funeral Home Board of Directors; and*

***WHEREAS, Joe's service to the community extends to the governmental level, where he has served as a member of the Village of Orchard Park Planning Board and continues to serve on the Town of Orchard Park Recreation Commission, as well as an Orchard Park Village Trustee, where he led the defense against those who wanted to eliminate the Village and all of the services that it provides; and***

***WHEREAS, Joe has been recognized for his professional and civic accomplishments, including the Buffalo Business First Forty Under Forty Award and the Orchard Park Post of Fame Award; and***

***WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President, is quoted as saying "Whatever you are, be a good one."***

***WHEREAS, Joe has lived this quote in his personal, professional and civic lives; and***

***WHEREAS, many people know Joe for one or more of the many ways that he has made Orchard Park a better place to live, work and raise a family; and***

***WHEREAS, the Orchard Park Republican Committee knows Joe as a friend, supporter and outstanding example of the work that Republicans value and the ideals that Republicans profess.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

***RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature wishes to pause in its deliberations today to honor Joseph R. Wales for his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Orchard Park; and be it further***

***RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature congratulates Joseph R. Wales on being named the Orchard Park Republican Committee "Republican of the Year."***

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***John J. Mills  
Erie County Legislator - District 11***

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***Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County***