

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER, 26TH 2013, A.D.

I Hereby Certify, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 26th day of September 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard, was born in 1856 in Bloomington, Illinois and was later raised in Hudson, Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard briefly worked as a salesman selling Larkin soap products, a career which eventually brought him to Buffalo, New York, and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard is well known as the founder of the Roycroft artisan community in East Aurora, New York, and an influential exponent of the Arts and Crafts Movement, and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard was an American writer, publisher, artist, and philosopher who began to develop the Roycroft Campus in 1897, inspired by leaders of the Arts and Crafts movement in England, and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard's Roycroft Campus is the best preserved and most complete complex of buildings remaining of the guilds that evolved in the United States at the turn of the 19th century and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard's Roycroft Camps employed over 500 people, in its prime, including women and minorities, and became a mecca for master craftsmen and a gathering place for notable artists, authors, philosophers, and power brokers and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard was a champion of ideas and entrepreneur supreme, with his Roycrofters crafting iron, hammering copper, tooling leather and building furniture, and turned East Aurora into an intellectual supercenter that has not been matched in succeeding generations, and;

WHEREAS, Elbert Hubbard had a profound influence on East Aurora that to this day still boasts remnants of the thriving arts community, with the current Roycroft campus that includes six buildings — the Print Shop, Copper Shop, Chapel, Furniture Shop, Power House and the Roycroft Inn.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to honor the late **Elbert Hubbard** as one of the inaugural inductees into the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.*

*Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator –10th District*

*Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature*