Honoring Richard Savage on His Retirement from the Town of Alden

WHEREAS, Richard Savage was born January 27, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Richard, or Rick, as he prefers, has been married to his wife Karen, for 44 years, raised two children, Jeremy and Rachel, and are the proud grandparents of three grandsons, Coen, Asher and Finn, and are proud Alden residents; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Village of Alden Board in 1983 and served the community until 1991, when he ran for Town Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Rick embarked on a new challenge and successfully ran for election to Alden Town Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Rick served as Town Supervisor from 1994-2005, stepping down from the Town Board when he was promoted to Superintendent of the Wende Correctional Facility for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and

WHEREAS, when he retired from the State in 2008, Rick reentered public life, successfully running for Town Supervisor again; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Alden Town Supervisor, Mr. Savage brought integrity, dedication and strength of character, including helping stabilize property taxes which he considers to be one of his great accomplishments during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, as Supervisor, Rick worked tirelessly on critical issues such as the withdrawal of ambulance service in Alden by Rural Metro and the Alaura Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, he also addressed major investments in infrastructure such as renovations of the Town’s wading pool, the construction and completion of the Exchange/Zoeller water lines, installation of new playground equipment, and the renovation of the community center kitchen; and

WHEREAS, the last two years of Rick’s term of office have been personally difficult, as he battled cancer while working because he wouldn't allow the illness to direct his life; and
Whereas, Rick has served on too-numerous-to-count committees and advisory boards throughout the years including being part of the Master Plan Committee, Economic Development Committee and serving as Chairman of the Zoning Board; and

Whereas, Richard will be remembered as a very talented, dedicated and productive Town Supervisor and public servant for the people of Alden; and

Whereas, when he once again retires, he plans on traveling and driving his classic cars that he has restored as well as 'hanging out' at Tim Horton's; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize and show the utmost respect to individuals like Richard, who have served our community so capably and with distinction.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and congratulate Richard Savage on his dedicated service to Erie County and the Town of Alden; and be it further

Resolved, that this Honorable Body thanks Mr. Savage for his tireless work and dedication to his community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors in his well-earned retirement.

Hon. John Bruso
Erie County Legislator, 8th District
Majority Leader

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature