

SPECIAL RULES
October 13, 2026

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RESOLUTION	TITLE
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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Rules and Legislative Operations

Committee

Date October 13, 2026

Resolution No. P/401/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GRACE BEARDSLEY AS THE WINNER OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY "I VOTED" STICKER CONTEST

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes the importance of encouraging civic engagement and educating young people about the democratic process and the importance of voting; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature sponsored the "I Voted" Sticker Contest to provide students in grades K-12 with an opportunity to express their creativity and participate in a countywide initiative promoting civic pride and voter participation; and

WHEREAS, The contest received an impressive total of 134 entries from students throughout Rensselaer County, demonstrating the enthusiasm, creativity, and talent of the county's young residents; and

WHEREAS, After the voting process was completed, the submission by Grace Beardsley, a sixth-grade student at Goff Middle School, received the most votes and was selected as the winning design for the Rensselaer County "I Voted" sticker contest; and

WHEREAS, Grace's achievement represents an outstanding contribution to this initiative, and her winning artwork will help promote voter participation and civic engagement throughout Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature wishes to recognize Grace Beardsley for her creativity and will have her design printed on stickers that will be handed out to voters at the Rensselaer County Polling location this Election Season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Rensselaer County Legislature hereby recognizes and congratulates Grace Beardsley, sixth-grade student at Goff Middle School, as the winner of the Rensselaer County "I Voted" Sticker Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Grace Beardsley in recognition of her accomplishment and contribution to promoting civic engagement among the residents of Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

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WHEREAS, It is customary for this Legislative Body to pay honor and respect to persons who have had a great impact and influence on the citizens of this county during their lifetime. We remember with deep respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example enriched the lives of their family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to express sincerest sorrow upon the death of Dennis M. Nagengast, which occurred on Wednesday, the Fifth day of August, of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six; and

WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all, it is the collective sense of this Legislature that the life of Dennis M. Nagengast be memorialized and eulogized; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Nagengast was born on June 22, 1947 to the late John Nagengast and Dorothy (McLoughlin) Nagengast; and

WHEREAS, Dennis was a graduate of Troy High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He dedicated 25 years of service to both Ford Motor Company in Green Island, followed by the Culligan Water Company of Troy. He proudly served as a Union Representative for UAW Local 930, and was a passionate advocate for "Made In America". Dennis was also known as your local "Culligan Man." His outstanding career was recognized with the induction into the Culligan Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dennis proudly served as a member of the North Greenbush Town Council, Chairman of the North Greenbush Youth Committee, as Board Member of Bethany House, and as the United Way Chairman for Ford Motor Company in Green Island; and

WHEREAS, Dennis was a man of faith, selfless service, and extraordinary generosity. He was a dedicated public servant and an active member of St. Jude the Apostle Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Club; and

WHEREAS, Dennis was especially passionate about the Coats for Kids Program through the St. Jude Knights of Columbus, making sure that local children had warm winter coats. A cause very close to his heart; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, he worked tirelessly to create opportunities for local youth and to help those in need. In recognition of his service and exemplary character, Dennis was honored as the Rensselaer County Citizen of the Year in 1991, an honor he accepted with humility and pride; and

WHEREAS, Dennis was also known as an avid New York Yankees fan and his passion for poker. He was always ready for a game and built many long-lasting friendships around the card table. His motto in life was simple: "Remember to smile and do right in life"; and

WHEREAS, Dennis is survived by his wife Jeanne of 58 years; his children Michael, Anthony (Annie), Vincent (Michele) and Lisa Ann Bonafede (John); grandchildren Brianna, Anthony, Ryan, Jacob, Adam, Jack and Jeana; his sister Sandra Mason (Patrick O'Connor); and

WHEREAS, Dennis will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as by our community as a whole; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Rensselaer County Legislature adjourn this meeting in memory of Dennis M. Nagengast, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to this community will live on to serve as a legacy to all; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed, to the family of Dennis M. Nagengast.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

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