

MINUTES

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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 2, 2007 5:20 P.M. LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS

Present: G. Stevenson, Chair; D. Kiefer; M. Sigler; M. Hattery; P. Mackesey
Staff: K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.

Resolution of Appreciation – County Historian

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Sigler, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve and submit the following resolution to the full Legislature for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. - IN APPRECIATION OF COUNTY HISTORIAN, CAROL KAMMEN

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2000, Carol Kammen was appointed by the Tompkins County Legislature to the position of County Historian, and

WHEREAS, Carol Kammen served as a senior lecturer at Cornell University where she taught local history, and has served as guest speaker and consultant to dozens of museums, historical societies, and humanities councils around the country, and

WHEREAS, after writing articles for *New York History* magazine, Carol authored the books *On Doing Local History: Reflections on What Local Historians Do, Why, and What It Means*, and *The Pursuit of Local History: Readings on Theory and Practice*, and then co-edited the *Encyclopedia of Local History*, and

WHEREAS, Carol Kammen also has written three books on Tompkins County history and has produced several historical dramas on local history for children, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, The Regents of the University of the State of New York named Carol Kammen Public Historian of the Year, and

WHEREAS, she received international recognition in the September 2007 edition of *Local History Magazine*, the United Kingdom's only independent national magazine for anyone with an interest in local history which saluted Carol Kammen for her contributions to local history preservation, and

WHEREAS, to quote her peers, "For over twenty years Carol has interwoven the common threads of local history with skill and passion, whether writing about good practice, organization, comparative local history or a specific topic," and

WHEREAS, in September 2007, Carol Kammen received national recognition when The American Association for State and Local History presented her with its prestigious Award of Distinction at the Annual Leadership in History Awards ceremony, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature recognizes the many significant contributions that our County Historian Carol Kammen has made to preserve and improve the quality of life for the citizens of our County,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Carol, as we applaud her as our County Historian.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.