

OCR 12-01
Recognition of LaVerne "Bob" Harden
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
January 10, 2012

WHEREAS, LaVerne "Bob" Harden was born on October 31, 1920 in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Bob graduated from Grand Island High School in 1939 and moved to Michigan before enlisting in the Army Air Corps during WWII; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a member of the 15th Airforce 464 Bomber Group which flew 39 missions, during which they were able to decommission German oilfields; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to the states, Bob married his beloved, Adaleen and they celebrated 66 years of marriage on September 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a carpenter by trade and spent many years in the building industry; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Adaleen moved to Gaylord in 1974, Bob became involved in many organizations and held many titles over the years beginning with his involvement in the North Central Michigan Home Builders Association(NCMHBA) in 1975; he was President of the North Central Michigan Home Builders Association; NEMCSA Liaison to the Commission on Aging; State & National Builders Association; Habitat for Humanity; Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Bob was elected as an Otsego County Commissioner representing Hayes Township and served for two terms; and

WHEREAS, with Bob's involvement with NCMHBA he used his skills and talents helping to renovate the Community Center; building Peace Lutheran Church; the Gaylord Information Center and the development of the University Center to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a current board member on the Otsego County Building Authority as well as the Otsego County Housing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bob loved living on the lake, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping; and

WHEREAS; Bob passed away on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 and will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that LaVerne "Bob" Harden shall be remembered by his fellow colleagues and the public for the giving of his time and talents to make Otsego County a better place to live and work, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners honor and thank Bob's family for his outstanding service to our community and offer their condolences.