

Service Commendation
CHARLES BARNES

WHEREAS, Chuck Barnes began his employment with the City of Troy as a Naturalist on July 6, 1981, building upon his prior experience in Berrien County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, He was promoted to Interpretive Programs Manager on January 10, 1998 and promoted again to Nature Center Manager on May 27, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his career **Chuck** established himself as a committed naturalist, receiving a number of awards and honors including the Best Interpretive Program Award from the National Association for Interpretation for his Junior Naturalist Club program and Conservation Educator of the Year in 2001 from the MICHIGAN United Conservation Club; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was instrumental in the evolution of the **Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center**, including the funding, design and construction for the new building, the completion of the design phase for new exhibits and the development of the Nature Center's Interpretive Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Chuck retired from the City of Troy on September 1, 2006 after **25 years of dedicated service**; and

WHEREAS, Chuck will now have more time to spend with his wife Lorraine, father Charles Melvin and brother Kent, as well as take time to enjoy his many hobbies, including hunting, fly-fishing, birding, hiking, cooking gourmet meals, music, philosophy and tracing his family tree; and

WHEREAS, During the course of his employment, **Chuck** has contributed many tireless hours of dedicated service to the City of Troy and its citizens, making a difference in the way citizens view the natural world and their role in it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the City Council of the City of Troy takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to **Chuck Barnes** for his many contributions to the betterment of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN That the City Council on behalf of themselves, City management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Chuck** during his retirement years.

Presented this 18th day of September 2006.