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**GODFREY TAKES OATH AS LEGISLATOR
SUCCEEDS ANDREWS AS WILSON, CAMBRIA, NEWFANE REPRESENTATIVE**

LOCKPORT—The Niagara County Legislature named David E. Godfrey of Wilson to fill a vacancy created by the departure of five-term county lawmaker Kyle R. Andrews, the county's new treasurer, at Tuesday night's meeting at the County Courthouse.

Godfrey, who has a background in information technology, is an active member of his community—serving as president of the Wilson Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 and on the board of directors of Eastern Niagara Hospital.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve," Godfrey told fellow lawmakers after County Clerk Wayne F. Jagow administered him the oath of office, then gave a nod to his predecessor. "I know I have big shoes to fill."

Godfrey was selected from among four applicants for the vacant 14th Legislative District seat after being recommended by a three-member panel consisting of Legislature Chairman William L. Ross, C-Wheatfield, Legislator Gerald K. Farnham, R-Pendleton, and Minority Leader Dennis F. Virtuoso, D-Niagara Falls. Virtuoso dissented on that vote. Tuesday, the Legislature approved Godfrey's nomination 14-3.

"I know Mr. Godfrey will serve his constituents well," Ross said after Tuesday's meeting. Ross provided Godfrey detailed background information on a number of issues facing the Legislature following the meeting.

"Legislator Godfrey has a solid background and is a valued member of his community," Ross said. "He's a doer, and we value that."

The Legislature's 14th District consists of the entirety of the towns of Wilson and Cambria, as well as the westernmost portion of the town of Newfane.

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