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Senate Resolution No. 1337

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Scott D. McNamara upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as Oneida County's District Attorney

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Scott D. McNamara upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as Oneida County's District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, For almost three decades, Scott D. McNamara rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to Oneida County, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Scott D. McNamara's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, A Deansboro, New York native, Scott D. McNamara is a graduate of Waterville Central School, Syracuse University, and Vermont Law School; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his studies, in 1992, Scott D. McNamara began his illustrious career as an Assistant District Attorney in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, Scott D. McNamara worked as an Assistant District Attorney for 14 and a half years before serving as District Attorney; prior to that, he ran his own practice in the Albany area before returning to the county he had grown up in; and

WHEREAS, Scott D. McNamara was first elected as Oneida County District Attorney in November of 2007 and was re-elected in 2019; his tenure has included the establishment of an Economic Crime Unit, a Conviction Integrity Unit, and he has also appointed a liaison to improve communication between his staff and community members; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, District Attorney Scott D. McNamara was appointed to the Commission on Forensic Science and Establishment of DNA Identification Index; the 13-member body was responsible for creating accreditation standards for forensic labs, with an emphasis on making them effective, efficient, reliable and accurate; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Scott D. McNamara was responsible for promoting cooperation and coordination between labs and the criminal justice system; the commission also established policy for the DNA Identification Index, which was first established in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Oneida County's District Attorney, Scott D. McNamara served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Scott D. McNamara was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Scott D. McNamara upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as Oneida County's District Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scott D. McNamara.