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Senate Resolution No. 1697

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Frank Retrosi Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Public Safety Commissioner for the City of Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frank Retrosi Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Public Safety Commissioner for the City of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 8 years, and in his previous capacity holding the position of Public Safety Commissioner, Frank Retrosi Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of Rome, New York, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Starting in 1965, Frank Retrosi Jr. spent 20 years working at the Pettibone plant in Rome, New York; he elevated his career working for the city in 1985 as Director of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Showing a true dedication to the health and safety of his community, Frank Retrosi Jr. was upgraded to Public Safety Commissioner, where he served until 1991 for his first term in that role; and

WHEREAS, A man with an expansive background and expertise, Frank Retrosi Jr. worked as a coordinator and Director of Prevention Services, Residential Treatment and Drug Counseling at Insight House from 1991 to 1997; he served as a state-credentialed alcohol substance abuse counselor at Mohawk Correctional Facility until 1999, also serving as a corrections counselor for the state Department of Correctional Services from 1999 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Earning a reputation as a hands-on commissioner who was on the scene of many fires and police investigations, Frank Retrosi Jr. resumed his responsibilities to keep the City of Rome safe in 2016 at the age of 73; he was very passionate about the role, with goals to upgrade public safety operations in the city, with plans including upgrading the computer system for the police to something more user-friendly and compatible for patrol cars' computers and those at the station; implementing positive change in the Police Department's K-9 unit by involving more dogs on the force, advancing the technology for the Fire Department by including a new Hazardous Materials team truck to replace the old one; improving the efficiency of Animal Control; and lastly, increasing diversity in the Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Public Safety Commissioner for the City of Rome, New York, Frank Retrosi Jr. served with loyalty, honor and

distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when

individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to Frank Retrosi Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Public Safety Commissioner for the City of Rome, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Retrosi Jr.