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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Assistant Chief Michael Collins upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 27 years of service to the New York Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Collins, Assistant Chief Deputy Commissioner Public Information, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 27 years of service to the New York Police Department, to be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at El Caribe Country Club; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York, Assistant Chief Michael Collins' esteemed career spanned a challenging variety of assignments within the New York Police Department (NYPD) and throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Sworn in to the department in July 1981, Assistant Chief Michael Collins was assigned to patrol duties in Patrol Borough Brooklyn South; as a police officer he was assigned to the Neighborhood Stabilization Unit 12 and the 70th Precinct, where his assignments included plainclothes Anti-Crime, Street Narcotics Enforcement Unit and the Burglary Team; and

WHEREAS, He was promoted to Sergeant in November of 1985, and assigned

to both the 76th and 78th Precincts; in July of 1989, he was advanced to Lieutenant and then assigned to the 71st Precinct in Crown Heights; he remained in this capacity until he was made Captain in October of 1992, and assigned to Patrol Borough Manhattan South Task Force and the Midtown Precinct North; in 1995, he was recognized for his hard work and dedication when he was selected to command the Manhattan South Task Force; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1996, Assistant Chief Michael Collins was chosen to direct the Police Department's Public Information Division in the office of the Deputy Commissioner - Public Information and promoted to Deputy Inspector; in December of 1999, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of Detective Borough Manhattan after his advancement to Inspector; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1999, Assistant Chief Michael Collins returned to Patrol Borough Brooklyn South and was designated Deputy Chief; in January 2002, he was once again chosen to command the Public Information Division and in July of 2006, he was appointed Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his more than 27 years of service, Assistant Chief Michael Collins stood as a shining representative of NYPD, but more importantly, he is an example of the best of what humanity has to offer; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Maureen, and his sons, Michael and James, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Assistant Chief Michael Collins upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 27 years of service to the New York Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Collins, Assistant Chief Deputy Commissioner Public Information, New York Police Department.