

## 2009-J3937

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Jeffrey Altbach upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service to the Town of Liberty, New York

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, are reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Jeffrey Altbach upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service to the Town of Liberty, New York; and

WHEREAS, Judge Altbach began his esteemed career as Liberty Town Justice in 1986, and had previously served as Liberty Village Justice from 1982 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as Town Justice, Judge Altbach served the Town of Liberty with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Sullivan County's Social Services offices being located in the Town of Liberty, Judge Altbach's court was responsible for the disposition of welfare fraud cases; his experience as a practicing attorney enabled the Town Court to successfully recover funds in restitution for improper public assistance applications and fraudulent re-certifications; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Judge Altbach will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, As Judge Altbach steps down as Town Justice, he will continue to be actively involved in his Liberty law practice which specializes in accident and personal injury cases; and

WHEREAS, Judge Altbach graduated from Liberty High School in 1965 and continued his education at the State University of New York at Albany where he earned his Bachelor's degree in 1969; and

WHEREAS, After teaching school in New York City for one year, Judge Altbach enrolled in Brooklyn Law School; after graduating in 1973, he volunteered at the Sullivan County Legal Aid Society and was also briefly employed with another attorney; he started his own law practice in Liberty in February 1975; and

WHEREAS, A singular asset to all of the citizens he has served in the Town of Liberty, Judge Altbach's life and career are a portrait of preeminence in public service and serve as a role model for all who aspire to a career in public service; 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 commend The Honorable Jeffrey Altbach upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service to the Town of Liberty, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Jeffrey Altbach.