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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Detective Captain Alex J. Minor upon the occasion of his retirement from the Binghamton 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 Detective Captain Alex J. Minor upon the occasion of his retirement from the Binghamton Police Department on Friday, March 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, A Binghamton native, Alex Minor came to police work from military service; he was drafted into the United States Army in the mid-1960s, and wound up serving in Germany instead of Vietnam; and
WHEREAS, Alex Minor joined the police bureau in 1970; he has worked and solved Binghamton's major cases, many of them homicides, for decades; and

WHEREAS, Along with Captain Minor was the retirement of his long time partner, Detective Sergeant Arnold Nanni; together, they began walking the beat as patrolmen, then as detectives with a combined 79 years of experience with the Binghamton Police Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Captain Minor has stayed calm and professional and treated even the most heinous suspects in murder cases with respect during police interviews; his approach and demeanor gave him confessions and evidence that held up in the courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Captain Minor mentioned that the most important skill a detective can have is the ability to listen to people; despite all the high-tech, evidence-gathering techniques, and the advent of DNA analysis, crimes are solved when police listen to what witnesses and perpetrators say and by paying attention to body language; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the Binghamton Police Department, Captain Minor began working on Monday, March 15, 2010, as Broome County undersheriff, second in command to Broome County Sheriff David E. Harder; 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 Detective Captain Alex J. Minor upon the occasion of his retirement from the Binghamton Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Detective Captain Alex J. Minor.