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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Francis D. Phillips, II upon the occasion of his retirement as District Attorney for Orange County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Francis D. Phillips, II upon the occasion of his retirement as District Attorney for Orange County, to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Francis "Frank" Phillips's effective retirement date is December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Frank Phillips has served as Orange County District Attorney since January 1, 1986; he oversees an office staff which consists of 42 Assistant District Attorneys, 10 Investigators, and 19 support personnel; and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting over 20,000 criminal cases each year; DA Phillips is a past president of the New York State District Attorneys Association and has served as a member of the Executive Committee since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Frank Phillips served as a charter member of the Board of Directors of the New York Prosecutors Training Institute; the DA is also a member and past president of the Orange County Bar Association, and a member of the National District Attorneys Association; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of the New York State District Attorneys Association, Frank Phillips has worked with District Attorneys from throughout the State to seek the passage of crime control legislation;

he earned a B.A. degree in Political Science from Hobart College and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Albany Law School of Union University; and WHEREAS, From 1974 through 1981, Frank Phillips served in the Orange County District Attorney's Office holding various job titles; from 1978 until his departure in 1981, he held the title of Chief Trial Assistant District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Frank Phillips maintained his own private law practice and served as the Village Attorney for both Monroe and Greenwood Lake; he also served as a part-time Assistant County Attorney for Orange County, from 1982 through 1984; in addition, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc.; and WHEREAS, Frank Phillips 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, 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 honor Francis D. Phillips, II upon the occasion of his retirement as District Attorney for Orange County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Francis D. Phillips, II.