

## 2015-J189

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sheriff John P. Burns upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Jefferson County

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 John P. Burns upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Jefferson County law enforcement, including 12 years as Sheriff of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, John P. Burns is a graduate of Immaculate Heart Central High School, and attended Jefferson Community College; he also graduated from the Canton Police Academy in Canton, New York, and the National Sheriffs' Institute in Longmont, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, John P. Burns began his esteemed law enforcement career, which spanned three decades, as a police officer with the Dexter, Brownville and Glen Park Tri Village police departments; he was then appointed Police Chief of the Alexandria Bay Police Department, and in 1983, was hired as Deputy Sheriff with the Jefferson County Sheriffs office, where he was assigned to road patrol; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, John P. Burns was promoted to Detective, where he worked in the narcotics area for six years; in 2002, he was first

elected Jefferson County Sheriff, and, subsequently, re-elected in 2006 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career John P. Burns has dedicated himself to numerous local causes to the benefit of his community, serving with extraordinary diligence and dedication to Jefferson County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent 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 John P. Burns upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Jefferson County law enforcement, including 12 years as Sheriff of Jefferson County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John P. Burns.