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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Police Chief Michael D. Ferrara upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the City of Newburgh 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 commend Police Chief Michael D. Ferrara upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the City of Newburgh Police Department, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at the Youngest Brothers Restaurant, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael D. Ferrara attained an Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice from Dutchess Community College; he also attended Marist College, and later graduated from Nyack Theological College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management; and

WHEREAS, Michael D. Ferrara joined the City of Newburgh Police Department in 1972; he quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a Detective within three years; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Detective Michael D. Ferrara was promoted to Lieutenant, and three years later advanced to Captain; in 1994, he attained the position of Deputy Chief of Operations/Administration, a position he held for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Michael D. Ferrara was assigned to the position of Acting Police Chief on numerous occasions during the absence of two past Police Chiefs, as well as from September through December 2004, after the retirement of Chief Bloom; and

WHEREAS, While performing his duties as a Patrolman, Michael D.

Ferrara completed numerous assignments, including:

Accident-Reconstruction/Investigation Unit, SCUBA Team, SWAT Team, Motorcycle Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Detective Division, Internal Affairs Unit, and as a Certified Police Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Police Chief Michael D.

Ferrara received more than 70 Certificates including: Executive Develop-

ment, Group Assertiveness Skills for Managers, Community Policing,

Instructor Development, Executive Leadership, Managerial Communications,

Value Centered Leadership, Customer Service, Project Management, Human

Resources, and Strategic Planning; and

WHEREAS, In an impressive career spanning more than four decades,

Police Chief Michael D. Ferrara was recognized many times for his exem-

plary service with two Commendations, four Meritorious awards, and eight

Excellent Policy Duty awards; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and

sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all

the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Police Chief Michael D. Ferrara upon the occasion of his retire-

ment after 42 years of distinguished service to the City of Newburgh

Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Police Chief Michael D. Ferrara.