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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief Anthony Palombo upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Town of Tonawanda 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief Anthony Palombo upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Town of Tonawanda Police Department; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was celebrated with a surprise recognition ceremony at a Town Board Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, Kenmore, New York; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Palombo began his illustrious law enforcement career as a Patrol Officer with the Town of Tonawanda Police Department in 1983; he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1993, followed by Captain just six years later, during which time he was in charge of the planning bureau; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was an original member of the Town of Tonawanda Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) which he served from 1987 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, A man of true integrity, Anthony Palombo continued to climb

the ranks to become Chief of Police for Operations in 2006; he was named Chief of Police the following year, the esteemed position from which he officially retired on February 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, During his career, which spanned more than three decades, Chief Anthony Palombo worked closely with the Kenmore-Tonawanda School District and was instrumental in the establishment of the School Resource Officer program (SRO); he also helped start the crisis intervention team for people in mental and emotional distress; and

WHEREAS, A strong advocate for homeland and hometown security, Chief Anthony Palombo has been active with the United States Department of Homeland Security and secured several grants for the Town of Tonawanda, including its state-of-the-art emergency operations center; and

WHEREAS, Chief Anthony Palombo was named Officer of the Year by the Erie County Law Enforcement Association; he formerly served as the President of the Erie County Chiefs' Association, of which he was a member for eight years; 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 Chief Anthony Palombo upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Town of Tonawanda Police Department, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Anthony Palombo.