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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Captain James M. Land upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 27 years of dedicated service to the New York State Police

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished 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, The quality of life in these communities is largely reflective of the commitment and dedication demonstrated by members of the agencies which serve to protect, preserve and maintain public order; 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 Captain James Michael Land upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 27 years of dedicated service to the New York State Police to be celebrated at a Banquet to be held in his honor on Saturday, January 17, 2015; he officially retired on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, James M. Land enlisted in the New York State Police on September 21, 1987; he completed his field training with Troop D in Lafayette, New York; one year later, he was drafted to serve a tour on the New York State Thruway; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in December of 1989, James M. Land worked for five years as a New York State Trooper, assigned to Troop C, serving the Deposit, Binghamton, and Endwell, New York stations; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Trooper James M. Land was promoted to Investigator,

and was assigned as a charter member of the newly-formed Community Narcotics Enforcement Team - Southern Tier; he spent two years working undercover in narcotics investigations; he then served as a Criminal Investigator in Oneonta, Deposit, Binghamton, and Whitney Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Investigator James M. Land was then promoted to Sergeant/Station Commander; for three years, he commanded New York State Police installations in Deposit and Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Sergeant James M. Land was appointed to the position of Lieutenant, serving in this capacity in the office of the Field Commander in Albany, New York; thereafter, he became a BCI Lieutenant at Troop C Headquarters in Sidney, New York; and

WHEREAS, It was in 2009, when James M. Land attained the esteemed rank of Captain in the Uniform Force, and served three years as the Troop T Zone III Commander in Syracuse, New York; in 2012, he returned to Troop C Headquarters where he was posted as Administrative Captain, serving as the Executive Officer for the Troop's operations across seven counties; and

WHEREAS, At the end of his remarkable career, Captain James M. Land was selected as the Troop C Zone III Commander in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Captain James M. Land's illustrious career, he was honored to receive 21 Letters of Commendation, and merited three Superintendent's Commendation Awards; in 1999, he received the award for saving a man's life, and again in 2004 for heroism in the arrest of an armed fugitive from Massachusetts, as well as in 2007 for heroism during a natural disaster; 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 Captain James M. Land upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 27 years of dedicated service to the New York State Police, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain James M. Land.