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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John M. McHugh upon the occasion of his retirement as Secretary of the United States Army

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John M. McHugh upon the occasion of his retirement as Secretary of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Secretary McHugh's retirement will be effective in November, 2015; and

WHEREAS, John M. McHugh has served longer than all but two of his predecessors as Secretary of the Army, and has been a devoted public servant for decades; and

WHEREAS, A Watertown native, Secretary McHugh is a 1970 graduate of Utica College with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science, and a 1977 graduate of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Graduate School of Public Affairs at the State University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, A former New York State Senator from 1984 to 1992, and a Congressman representing the North Country for 16 years, where he served on the House Armed Services Committee, he has served as Army Secretary since September 2009, after his appointment by President Obama; and

WHEREAS, As Army Secretary, John M. McHugh has maintained responsibility for all matters relating to the United States Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management; and

WHEREAS, Secretary McHugh led a work force of more than 1.1 million active duty, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers, 221,000

Department of the Army civilian employees, and 213,000 contracted service personnel; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Secretary McHugh has helped lead the Army through a period of challenges and changes, making it a better place because of his hard work and vision; and

WHEREAS, Secretary McHugh has built a reputation as a strong advocate for soldiers and their family members; and

WHEREAS, As a former State Senator and Congressman, Secretary McHugh worked well with lawmakers to better solve issues concerning the military; and

WHEREAS, An individual who has truly gone above and beyond to excel in his career and give back to the local community, John M. McHugh has made a difference with his dedication to public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John M. McHugh upon the occasion of his retirement as Secretary of the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John M. McHugh.