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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Police Chief Steven Heider upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Colonie Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Police Chief Steven Heider upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the Colonie Police Department, to be celebrated with a party held in his honor, on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at The Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Steven Heider began his esteemed law enforcement career, spanning over four decades, with the Town of Colonie as a Dispatcher in 1973; one year later, he became a Patrol Officer at the young age of 20, and rose through the ranks until holding the position of Chief of Police on July 7, 2003, a title from which he will officially retire in July of 2015; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Chief, Steven Heider has led a department comprised of 160 employees, including 109 officers, which handles 70,000 calls a year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Chief Steven Heider did and saw it all, arresting drunken drivers to solving homicides; he will

fondly remember his days out on the street solving crimes; and
WHEREAS, Known as a consistent leader and very community-oriented,
Chief Steven Heider was instrumental in initiating a victim advocacy
program and creating a computer crimes lab; in addition, he was always
focused on how to deter juveniles from becoming involved in crimes; 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 Police Chief Steven Heider upon the occasion of his retirement
after 42 years of distinguished service to the Colonie Police Depart-
ment, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and
be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Police Chief Steven Heider.