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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sheriff Lee Price upon the occasion of his retirement after 47 years of distinguished service to Cortland County

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 honor Sheriff Lee Price upon the occasion of his retirement after 47 years of distinguished service to Cortland County; and

WHEREAS, For nearly five decades, Sheriff Lee Price has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Cortland County, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A longtime Virgil resident, Sheriff Lee Price began his illustrious career in law enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff in 1968, and five years later he was promoted to Sergeant; his rise through the ranks continued in 1979, when he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Sheriff Duane Whiteman named Lee Price as his Under-sheriff, and in 1999 he was elected as Sheriff of Cortland County, the esteemed position he has held for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering dedication to the department and the community-at-large, Sheriff Lee Price has given tirelessly of

his time and energies combatting the community's drug problem; and WHEREAS, In addition, Sheriff Lee Price has been instrumental in advocating for a larger jail as well as in combining the city police, the sheriff's department and the 911 center all in the same building; and WHEREAS, In his capacity as Sheriff, Lee Price served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Sandy, and their eight children, Michael (Joan), Stephanie, Robin (Jacklyn), Bonnie, Eric (Laura), Loretta (Benjamin), James and Lance (Robin), as well as 14 grandchildren, Katelynn, Mason, Holiday, Carson, Dylan, Natalie, Amanda, Nathaniel, Joseph, Alexis, Quinton, Ashley, Emily and Zakary, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In a true partnership of service with her husband, Sandy Price has held the position of Legislator for the Towns of Virgil and Harford, New York, for the past 30 years; in addition, she has served as a Sunday School Teacher for 17 years, and has been a dynamic member of numerous civic boards and organizations including the Cortland County Farm Bureau, Salvation Army Board, TC-3 Board of Trustees, Board of Health, Community Services Board, and Child Development Center Board, CAPCO, as well as the Virgil Youth Commission; she has also held the title of President of the Virgil School PTO and Editor of the Virgil newsletter for 18 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 commend Sheriff Lee Price upon the occasion of his retirement after 47 years of distinguished service to Cortland County, and to wish to 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 Sheriff Lee Price.