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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John J. Mazzaferro upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John J. Mazzaferro upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, John J. Mazzaferro was elected to the esteemed position of President of the Common Council, a title from which he will officially retire on December 31, 2015; well-liked and respected, he is recognized for being the longest running Council President serving the City of Rome; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President, John J. Mazzaferro worked diligently to respond to constituents' concerns, and has been actively involved in the business community, economic development, and youth programs, as well as senior citizen assistance; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 36-year career, John J. Mazzaferro initiated numerous programs which benefited the residents of Rome, New York, including a snow shoveling program which matches volunteers with seniors who need help clearing their sidewalks, walkways and steps, and with cooperation from the Rome Police Department, he organized the "Are You Okay" Program; and

WHEREAS, For almost four decades, John J. Mazzaferro diligently worked to revitalize Rome, New York, by developing both Dominick and James

Streets, upgrading the water filtration plant, and working with the Real Property Committee to resell tax-foreclosed parcels for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, John J. Mazzaferro also enjoyed serving as a marriage officer, a role he would like to continue in 2016; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John J. Mazzaferro and his wife, Maryann, will continue to sell two cookbooks, filled with recipes submitted from the residents of Rome, New York, in an effort to raise funds for the renovation of Kennedy Arena; and

WHEREAS, For his superlative dedication and service to the town in which he works and lives, John J. Mazzaferro was awarded the Community Leadership Award by the Rome Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, After his well-earned retirement, John J. Mazzaferro plans on spending more time with his family and will remain interested in local politics; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, John J. Mazzaferro served the City of Rome, New York with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, John J. Mazzaferro will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Maryann, and their daughter, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend John J. Mazzaferro upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Rome, New York, 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 transmitted to John J. Mazzaferro.