

## 2015-J3309

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chief Master Sergeant John Francis Ditro upon his retirement after 27 years of faithful military service to the New York Air National Guard

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals who have honorably and courageously served this country, in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and to support civilian authorities during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to hereby recognize Chief Master Sergeant John Francis Ditro upon his retirement as Mission Intelligence Coordinator from the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard, after 27 years of dedicated military service; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 20, 1964, John F. Ditro grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended Frankford High School; in May of 1982, he entered the United States Navy via a delayed enlistment program; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1983, John F. Ditro, was assigned to the United States Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where he was a diesel engine mechanic; he proudly served in the United States Navy until his honorable discharge in March of 1988, after which he decided to pursue employment in the civilian sector; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, John F. Ditro returned to military life after taking a position in the New York Air National Guard as a Command and Control Battle Management Operations Specialist at the Northeast Air Defense Sector; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Chief Master Sergeant John F. Ditro transferred to the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard, where he worked as

an accounting technician; five years later, he was recognized as the Senior NCO of the year; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Chief Master Sergeant John F. Ditro gladly accepted the challenge to lead the newly formed Operation Support Flight; he attended Operations Intelligence Specialist Technical Training School located at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas, where he received the award of Distinguished Graduate and subsequently, qualified as a Mission Intelligence Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished military career, Chief Master Sergeant John F. Ditro has received numerous military awards and decorations for his dedicated service which include the Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Chief Master Sergeant John F. Ditro received several educational accommodations, having graduated from many Air Force training academies with honors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 to hereby commend Chief Master Sergeant John Francis Ditro upon his retirement after 27 years of faithful military service to the New York Air National Guard, 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 Chief Master Sergeant John Francis Ditro.