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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Steven Heider upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of the Community Award by the Colonie Chamber of Commerce on January 28, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Steven Heider has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Steven Heider upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of the Community Award by the Colonie Chamber of Commerce; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Steven Heider has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Former Police Chief Steven Heider, who retired last year after 42 years of distinguished service to the Colonie Police Department, received this auspicious honor in recognition of his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, and his role in making Colonie, New York a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Steven Heider began his illustrious career with the Colonie Police Department as a Dispatcher in 1973, at just 19 years old; one year later he became a patrol officer, and rose through the ranks until he became the fifth Chief of Police in the history of the town on July 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, An affable administrator, Steven Heider's career spanned more

than four decades, during which time he handled everything from drunk driver arrests to solving homicides; for 12 years, he led a department with 160 employees, including 109 officers, and handling 70,000 calls a year, 3,000 of which lead to arrests; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Steven Heider has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Steven Heider has displayed throughout his life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Steven Heider upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of the Community Award by the Colonie Chamber of Commerce on January 28, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steven Heider.