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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John A. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the Rockland County Legislature

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor John A. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the Rockland County Legislature; he officially announced his retirement in January of 2015, but will continue to serve his community; and

WHEREAS, The longest serving Legislator in the history of Rockland County, John A. Murphy has diligently represented the people of District 16, which includes the towns of Blauvelt, Pearl River, Orangeburg, Sparkill and Tappan since first being elected in 1971; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is a member of the Marine Corps League, Rockland County Psychiatric Center Board of Visitors, Petition for Paula, and the Lourdes Kids of Rockland; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, John A. Murphy is also known for being a passionate advocate for the developmentally disabled; currently, he serves as President of Camp Venture, a group that serves those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, John A. Murphy is the co-founder of Loeb House, which aids in the service of the mentally ill, a proud supporter of

Homes for Heroes, which assists homeless veterans; in addition, he is well known for his help in creating the County Child Advocacy Center in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades for his outstanding service, John A. Murphy was inducted into the Rockland County Civil Rights Hall of Fame, and received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from St. Thomas Aquinas and Dominican College; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, John A. Murphy was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those public servants who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John A. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the Rockland County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John A. Murphy.