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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Anne Fitzsimmons upon the occasion of being named the first female police chief in the history of the City of White Plains

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and commend such outstanding law enforcement officers as Anne Fitzsimmons for their valued contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Anne Fitzsimmons upon the occasion of being named the first female police chief in the history of the White Plains Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Anne Fitzsimmons, a 36-year officer with the White Plains Department of Public Safety, was promoted as the city's police chief on Monday, February 22, 2016; she previously served as assistant chief; and

WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Anne Fitzsimmons has served the City of White Plains with honor and distinction, and has proven to be a dedicated, creative and forward thinking law enforcement professional; and

WHEREAS, Anne Fitzsimmons began her illustrious career in 1980 with White Plains' Patrol Division as one of the first women assigned to regular patrol duties; just four years later, she was assigned to the city police department's Youth Unit where she primarily handled investigations involving children, sex crimes and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Anne Fitzsimmons was promoted to sergeant in 1987, during which time she was responsible for supervising criminal investigators; she remained in that position until 1997, when she was promoted to lieu-

tenant and executive officer of criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Anne Fitzsimmons became the first female to achieve the rank of captain in the White Plains Police Department; five years later she was promoted to assistant chief and most recently was responsible for Administration, Training, Data Management and Community Policing; and

WHEREAS, As commanding officer of the Community Policing Division, Anne Fitzsimmons supervised police officers who used innovative community policing strategies and technology to reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure with the White Plains Police Department, Anne Fitzsimmons has been instrumental in the development of successful strategies to reduce domestic violence by working in partnership with various service providers, in particular the Pace Women's Justice Center, increasing the safety of citizens in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Anne Fitzsimmons is a graduate of Pace University; she attended various professional schools and received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Marist College; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, John, and their two children, John and Mary-Kate, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Anne Fitzsimmons upon the occasion of being named the first female police chief in the history of the City of White Plains; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Fitzsimmons.