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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Retired Police Chief Robert Wolfgang upon the occasion of his induction into the 2016 Albany Police Athletic League Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Retired Police Chief Robert Wolfgang upon the occasion of his induction into the 2016 Albany Police Athletic League Hall of Fame to be celebrated at its Breakfast of Champions event held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at the Albany Marriot, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wolfgang was born and raised in Albany, New York, and attended Albany High School; he joined the Albany Police Department in 1971 as part of a federally funded neighborhood policing program; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Robert Wolfgang ably served and protected the citizens of his community, as he rose through the ranks of the Albany Police Department and developed new initiatives to better police the community; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Officer Robert Wolfgang coordinated the formation of a group of Albany "Stakeholders" to investigate the needs and development of a Police Athletic League; this led to the creation of the Albany PAL, as it would come to be known; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to engaging the youth of the City of Albany, the PAL program was founded by sworn members of the Albany Police Department, under the direction of an independent Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Originally designed to provide supervised recreational, educational and social programs to youth in grades five through eight on non-school days, the program Chief Robert Wolfgang helped found has

grown to become a full scale youth services provider with more than 2,500 young people participating in various programming throughout the year; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 commend Retired Police Chief Robert Wolfgang upon the occasion of his induction into the 2016 Albany Police Athletic League Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Retired Police Chief Robert Wolfgang.