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Assembly Resolution No. 71

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HONORING Sergeant Tim Morris upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to Suffolk County

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sergeant Tim Morris upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to Suffolk County on January 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, For the past 42 years, Sergeant Tim Morris rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Suffolk County, first as a member of the Sheriff's Department, and then the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Tim Morris, the son of Virginia and Timothy Morris, grew up in Babylon, New York, where he attended St. Joseph's School, and graduated from St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Tim Morris attended Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, the State University of New York at Farmingdale and St. Joseph's College in New York; he earned his Associate Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Tim Morris began his illustrious career with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department; in that same year, Tim and his wife, Anne, serving as house parents, opened the second group home in Suffolk County for Developmentally Disabled Adults for the Suffolk County AHRC; and

WHEREAS, Five years later, Tim Morris joined the Suffolk County Police Department and was assigned to the First Precinct in Babylon, New York; in 1988, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was transferred to the Third Precinct in Bay Shore, New York; and

WHEREAS, An active participant in both union and fraternal organizations, Sergeant Tim Morris held the positions of Secretary and then 1st Vice President of the Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association; in addition, he has served as a delegate to the Suffolk County Police Conference for the Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff's, the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association and the Suffolk County Superior Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his Irish heritage, Sergeant Tim Morris has held

numerous leadership positions in the Suffolk County Police Officers Emerald Society including Financial Secretary, Treasurer, President, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and currently, a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession and the community in which he lives, Sergeant Tim Morris is an active participant in the International Police Association, SCPD Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, AOH Division 7, and the parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville; he also served as President of the St. Lawrence PTA and was a member of Peace Regional School Board; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1992, Sergeant Tim Morris joined the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association (SOA), which represents approximately 500 active members of the Suffolk County Police Department from the rank of Sergeant up to the rank of Chief; this remarkable man has also held the positions of 3rd Precinct Trustee, Secretary, Chairman of the Board, and 2nd Vice President, as well as 1st Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2011, Sergeant Tim Morris assumed the position of President of the Suffolk County Police SOA upon the retirement of President Gerald Gilmore; he was then elected to the position of President in June of 2012; as an active member, he has served on most committees of the SOA including Negotiations and Labor, and has represented members before Internal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Tim Morris also served as a member of the Legislative Committee of the New York State Association of PBAs and currently, holds the position of Secretary; in addition he has served as Administrator of the Suffolk SOA Benefit Fund which provides Dental, Optical and other benefits to over 1,000 Active and Retired SOA members;

and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former Anne Parrot; and their four children, Elizabeth (Jason), Carolyn (Jack), Tim (Allison) and Brian; as well as many grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Sergeant, Tim Morris served with loyalty, honor and distinction; in his official acts, Tim Morris was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Suffolk County Police Department, Sergeant Tim Morris earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; 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 honor Sergeant Tim Morris upon the occasion of his retirement after 42

years of distinguished service to Suffolk County, 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 Sergeant Tim Morris.