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Senate Resolution No. 3589

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Commissioner Daniel Derenda upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Buffalo Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Commissioner Daniel Derenda upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Buffalo Police Department on Tuesday, January 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Derenda has valiantly served the Buffalo Police Department for more than three decades, working his way up the ranks from police officer, to detective, to sergeant, to deputy commissioner

and finally to commissioner, the esteemed position from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community and profession, Daniel Derenda served with integrity and became known for his enforcement of the law both on the streets and within his organization; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure as Buffalo Police Commissioner, Daniel Derenda forged cooperation between the United States Attorney's office and the Buffalo Police Department on issues ranging from drug enforcements to police brutality, leading to what is described as the golden age of crime fighting for the region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, over the past seven years Daniel Derenda has been instrumental in the successful expansion of the Internal Affairs Unit and collaboration with other law enforcement agencies; he also increased community meetings between police supervisors and the public, and welcomed city funding of citizens peacemaking groups; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Derenda has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Mayor's Award of Merit, Officer of the Month Award, the Detective Association's Distinguished Service Award, and Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, For 32 years, Daniel Derenda rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Buffalo Police Department, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Daniel Derenda over a lifetime of sacrifice and

dedication to others; 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 Commissioner Daniel Derenda upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Buffalo Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Commissioner Daniel Derenda.