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Senate Resolution No. 47

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING James S. Staffo upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Herkimer and Oneida County Boards of Elections

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, James S. Staffo rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the Herkimer and Oneida County Boards of Elections; and

WHEREAS, In his capacities working on voting machines and ensuring that elections ran smoothly, James S. Staffo served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, James S. Staffo began his life of service when he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960, serving until 1966; in 1967, he joined the Little Falls Fire Department, serving as Chief from 1983-2001; he served as NYS Association of Fire Chiefs Director from 2009-2015, and a NYS Fire Instructor for 41 years mentoring thousands of SFIs throughout Herkimer and Oneida Counties; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, James S. Staffo was governed by a

keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems;  
and

WHEREAS, James S. Staffo currently serves as proud member of the Schuyler Fire Department since 2001, is a member of the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League, DeCarlo-Staffo Post Italian American War Veterans, and Eagles Club No. 97; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Herkimer and Oneida County Boards of Elections, James S. Staffo earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James S. Staffo upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James S. Staffo.