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Senate Resolution No. 1480

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING William Rabbia upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 32 years of dedicated service to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate William Rabbia upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 32 years of dedicated service to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; and

WHEREAS, William Rabbia has played a critical role in the development and success of the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority since beginning his career in May of 1991; he went on to serve as Deputy Executive Director from 2002 until March of 2009 when he was appointed Executive Director, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, William Rabbia is responsible for all Authority functions, including operations at its Recycling Center, Green Waste Composting Facility, Transfer Stations, and Household Hazardous

Waste Collection Facility; and

WHEREAS, As Executive Director, William Rabbia spearheaded active landfill gas recovery, landfill to gas electricity, single-streaming recycling conversion, Food2energy processing, and numerous other system-wide capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he leaves the Authority in very strong financial condition and has been responsible for overseeing its \$22.4 million operating budget; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, William Rabbia also served as President of the New York State Association for Solid Waste Management for two terms, during which time he took the lead with the association's work regarding the latest revisions to the state's solid waste management regulations; and

WHEREAS, William Rabbia holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and Planning from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, William Rabbia rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; in his leadership positions, he served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, William Rabbia was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, William Rabbia truly earned 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 William Rabbia over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate William Rabbia upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 32 years of dedicated service to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Rabbia.