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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James D. Bowen upon the occasion of his retirement from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office after nearly 50 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who 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, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James D. Bowen upon the occasion of his retirement from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office after nearly 50 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Saratoga County, James D. Bowen is the longest tenured Sheriff in New York State; he began his illustrious career as a Saratoga County Deputy Sheriff in November of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Less than three years later, he was promoted to Investigator; in December of 1972, then Governor Nelson Rockefeller appointed James D. Bowen Sheriff of Saratoga County; after his appointment, he was re-elected to 11 more terms beginning in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff James D. Bowen, as a member of the United States Army, served his country for 15 months in Korea; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the FBI Academy, James D. Bowen is also a graduate of the New York State Office of Local Government, Division for

Local Police, and Basic and Intermediate Police Schools; and  
WHEREAS, Furthermore, he attended the Moran Institute, and St.  
Lawrence University, as well as numerous police and corrections schools;  
and

WHEREAS, Sheriff James D. Bowen has been called upon to contribute his  
time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has  
always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Saratoga County has a population of 219,607 and an  
area of 815 square miles; in 1972, when Sheriff James D. Bowen was  
appointed, there were only five deputies; and

WHEREAS, Over the 41 years he served as Saratoga County Sheriff, the  
force has grown to 110 deputies in the Department's Road Patrol, a  
Communication Center with a staff of over 30, and a Correctional Facili-  
ty staffed by 75; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff James D. Bowen is well-known and admired for not just  
meeting expectations, but exceeding them; he has served honorably and  
with the highest standards of commitment and integrity for more than  
four decades; 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 James D. Bowen upon the occasion of his retirement from the Sara-  
toga County Sheriff's Office after nearly 50 years of distinguished  
service, and to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors; and  
be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Sheriff James D. Bowen.