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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Honorable Edward O. Spain upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Appellate Court Judge of the New York State Supreme Court

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed individuals whose lives have been committed to the pursuit of excellence and who bring great pride to the citizens of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Honorable Edward O. Spain upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Appellate Court Judge of the New York State Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Friends of the Albany Children's Center's 21st Annual Reception in support of The Children's Center at Albany County Family Court, on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at Taste Restaurant, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Troy, New York, Judge Edward O. Spain attended LaSalle Institute before continuing his education at Boston College and Albany Law School; he honorably served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy JAG Corps from 1967 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edward O. Spain began his ascent through the judicial ranks when he was elected Troy Police Court judge in 1977; and

WHEREAS, From Police Court, Judge Edward O. Spain was elected to Rensselaer County Family Court and then to State Supreme Court in the 3rd Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Judge Edward O. Spain was appointed an associate justice of the Appellate Division of the 3rd Department by former Governor Mario M. Cuomo; he also served as the administrative judge of the

3rd Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edward O. Spain officially retired on December 31, 2013, ending his 36 year judicial career by returning to his roots and swearing in seven members of the City Council before 125 people in the Rensselaer County Court House; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his judicial posts, Judge Edward O. Spain has devoted countless hours to civic and community activities, including the City of Troy Human Rights Commission; he also served on the School Board of Sacred Heart School, as well as on the Board of Directors of both the Troy Boys and Girls Club and Unity House; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Judge Edward O. Spain served as Chair of the Unified Court System's Statewide Advisory Committee on Attorneys for Children, and is the former Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Children and the Law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edward O. Spain has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades some of which include, the Howard Levine Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Award by the New York State Bar Association, the Felix Aulisi Award by New York State Trial Lawyers, the President's Award by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and Man of the Year by the Friends of 112th Street; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Kathy, their six children, and 16 grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Judge Edward O. Spain over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor Judge Edward O. Spain upon the occasion of his retirement, 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 The Honorable Edward O. Spain.