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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Honorable W. Dennis Duggan upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Albany County Family Court Judge and Acting Justice 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 W. Dennis Duggan upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Albany County Family Court Judge and Acting Justice 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, Born on the Seneca Indian Reservation in Salamanca, New York, Judge W. Dennis Duggan is a 1971 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 1976 graduate of Albany Law School; and

WHEREAS, Albany County Family Court Judge W. Dennis Duggan has served with distinction since his illustrious career began in 1994; he is designated by the Chief Administrative Judge of New York as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his judicial post, Judge W. Dennis Duggan has devoted countless hours to civic and community activities, and has served as a Trustee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and is a Past President of the New York State Family Court Judges

Association; he is also a Past Director of the American Judges Association and the American Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Judge W. Dennis Duggan is a founding Board Member of the New York Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, as well as a past President; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, and again in 2011, Judge W. Dennis Duggan was named the Family Court Judge of the Year by the New York State Family Court Judges Association; he is the only two-time recipient of this award in the history of the New York State Family Courts; and

WHEREAS, Within the New York State Judiciary, Judge W. Dennis Duggan has served on the Judicial Institute Committee, the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee and the Family Law Curriculum Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, A frequent lecturer at International, National and State judicial and legal programs, Judge W. Dennis Duggan has instructed at the National Judicial College and teaches an online course in Family Law at the University of Nevada's Master's degree Program for Judicial Management; and

WHEREAS, Widely published, Judge W. Dennis Duggan writes a monthly column for the BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER on topical issues on the History of the Law; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife of 33 years, Lennie, their two children, Brian (Rachel) and Katie, and one grandson, Callan, 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 demon-

strated by Judge W. Dennis Duggan 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 atten-

tion, 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 W. Dennis Duggan 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 W. Dennis Duggan.