

## 2013-J5071

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Judge Richard O'Callaghan upon the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Village of Mineola, New York

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 Judge Richard O'Callaghan upon the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Village of Mineola, to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at Piccolo Bussola, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout a law career that has spanned four decades, Judge Richard O'Callaghan served the people of New York with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man received his Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts degrees from St. John's University; he is a member of the New York Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard O'Callaghan was a former senior partner for many years at the law firm of Congdon, Flaherty, O'Callaghan, Reid, Donlon, Travis and Fishlinger; he has worked in the field of personal injury, defending cases in such areas as medical malpractice and product liability, bringing over 150 cases to verdict in State and Federal courts; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, Judge Richard O'Callaghan has honorably served the people of Mineola as Village Justice; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Judge Richard O'Callaghan was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his judicial post, this remarkable man has devoted countless hours to civic and community activities; he has conducted seminars and mock trials at New York University, St. John's Episcopal Hospital, the Suffolk County Podiatry Association and the Suffolk County Medical Society; furthermore, he has also lectured on trial techniques for the Nassau Academy of Law, and participated in the Lawyer in the Classroom program; 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 Richard O'Callaghan upon the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the Village of Mineola, 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 Judge Richard O'Callaghan.