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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo upon the occasion of his retirement from the Amherst Police Department after 46 years of dedicated service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo upon the occasion of his retirement from the Amherst Police Department after 46 years of dedicated service, to be celebrated with a Retirement Party in his honor on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at Samuel's Grande Manor, Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, With more than four decades of experience, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo, the longest serving member of the Amherst Police Department, will officially retire on May 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Appointed as an Officer in September of 1968, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo served under four chiefs throughout his 46 year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo's first assignment in the department was working in the Patrol Division in 1968; as a new patrolman, one of his early duties was working with other officers to maintain order during riots at the University of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo was reassigned

to the newly formed Traffic Unit, where he served as a Motorcycle Officer and Traffic Accident Investigator; later that decade, in 1979, he was promoted to the position of Detective, and then in 1992, he was promoted to his current position of Detective Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo attended the FBI Training Academy in 1987, where he spent three months in Quantico, Virginia to learn specialized training alongside 250 other police officers from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo's illustrious career has been focused on youth and safety, being involved with the DARE program, Youth Court, and other crime prevention programs; he is currently assigned to the Special Victims Unit, where he investigates offenses, including juvenile crimes; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo is a past president of the State Juvenile Officers Association, and has also been actively involved in the Amherst Police Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has assisted in the development of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program, which is now currently mandated for parents of incoming freshmen in Amherst Central School District; he serves as a panel member during presentations of the program; and

WHEREAS, A certified police instructor, Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo has taught several training segments at the Erie County Law Enforcement Academy during the Basic Academy for Recruits and the Supervisory Training Course; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his twin daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo upon the occasion of his  
retirement from the Amherst Police Department after 46 years of dedi-  
cated service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Detective Sergeant Michael Torrillo.