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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John Cleary upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished public service to the New York State Police, Erie County District Attorney's Office and Erie County Community College

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Senior Chief Investigator John Cleary upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished public service; he stepped down as Senior Chief Investigator in the Erie County District Attorney's Office on Thursday, June 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born in South Buffalo in 1952, John Cleary graduated from Bishop Fallon High School in 1970, after which he attended the New York State Police Academy; he went on to graduate from Canisius College, and then joined the New York State Police, beginning his career stationed in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, John Cleary's demonstrated commitment to excellence was recognized by his superiors; he was promoted to Sergeant in 1985 and in 1986 he was made an investigator in the Narcotics Division; in this capacity he worked on several high profile drug cases in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, During his time with the New York State Police, John Cleary was responsible for narcotics enforcement, promotion recommendations for unit employees, strict inventory control of evidence, property, confidential records, funds expended and investigated internal matters; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Cleary coordinated and participated in several major investigations with DEA, FBI, IRS, United States Customs, and local law enforcement agencies, resulting in the arrest and conviction of multiple defendants; and

WHEREAS, John Cleary completed his Master of Science in Education at Buffalo State College, SUNY, in 1996, after which he taught Criminal Justice courses at Erie Community College as an Adjunct Professor; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, this dedicated man retired from the New York State Police and became an investigator with the Erie County District Attorney's Office where he worked on special investigations, domestic violence and felony trials; and

WHEREAS, At the Erie County District Attorney's Office, John Cleary was responsible for the direct supervision of 14 investigators in the District Attorney's Office; in addition, he aided Assistant District Attorneys in preparing cases for trial, serving in the Special Investigations Bureau, the Domestic Violence Bureau, as well as the Felony Trial Bureau; and

WHEREAS, His outstanding track record led to his becoming Chief Investigator in 2006; in 2011 he was promoted to Senior Chief Investigator, in charge of the Erie County District Attorney's Task Force at the Erie County Crime Analysis Center; and

WHEREAS, John Cleary's spirit of excellence carried over into all fields of enterprise; an avid baseball fan and softball player, he was inducted into the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame in 1996, and in 2011, he was awarded the Buffalo Bisons Irish-American of the Year in recognition of his dedication to the betterment of the City of Buffalo, his loyalty to his community and his outspoken pride for his Irish heritage; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of nearly 40 years, Christine; their three daughters, Colleen, Kate and Robyn; and their five grandsons, Bradan, Rory, Graeme, Warren and Colin, all of whom feel

privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and  
WHEREAS, A loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, in  
retirement John Cleary plans to teach his grandsons how to play baseball  
in the summer and ski in the winter; 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  
commend John Cleary upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years  
of distinguished service to the Buffalo community and the great State of  
New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to John Cleary.