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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief Dennis Latham upon the occasion of his retirement from the Stillwater Police Department after 38 years of distinguished 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 Chief Dennis Latham upon the occasion of his retirement from the Stillwater Police Department after 38 years of distinguished service on Monday, June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Dennis Latham rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Stillwater Police Department, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A native of Saratoga Springs, Dennis Latham is a graduate of Saratoga High School and also served his country as a member of the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, this esteemed man moved to Stillwater, and within three years, helped establish its own police force together with several colleagues; at first, he served under the original title of constable, before completing his training and eventually becoming a full-fledged police officer; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks to become Police Chief, Dennis

Latham has overseen a number of innovations over the years, including a K-9 unit and bike patrol; in addition, his department began a neighborhood watch program to better coordinate services in the community; and WHEREAS, Under his administration, the Stillwater Police Department has displayed a high degree of professionalism, facing the many challenges of modern police work with diligence and care; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dennis Latham was on hand for a number of important events, including the 1998 hurricane which deeply affected the community, several large floods and the 2008 ice storm; he consistently served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional responsibilities, Dennis Latham has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lynne and their four children, 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 Chief Dennis Latham upon the occasion of his retirement from the Stillwater Police Department after 38 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Dennis Latham.