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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief Gerald Pickering upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Webster Police Department

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 Gerald Pickering upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Webster Police Department; and WHEREAS, Chief Pickering began his career with the Webster Police Department in 1984, assigned to traffic enforcement; prior to joining the Webster Police Department, he served for six years with the Ontario County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed law enforcement professional was promoted to Criminal Investigator after three years, and further attained the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Operations Commander, before becoming Chief of the Webster Police Department in 2001; and

WHEREAS, A tremendous leader with extensive experience in investigations and community policing, Chief Pickering served his community with loyalty, honor and distinction for three decades; and WHEREAS, In his official acts, Chief Pickering was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Charlene, and their two sons, Luke and Cole, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent 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 Gerald Pickering upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Webster Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Gerald Pickering.