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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Roy A. Higgins upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Defense Accounting and Finance Service of Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Roy A. Higgins upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Defense Accounting and Finance Service of Rome, New York; this momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Retirement Party in his honor on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at Air Force Rome Labs Hanger 101, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rochester, New York, Roy A. Higgins earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Accounting from the State University of New York at Brockport in 1980; he received his Certified Public Accountant license in 1988, as well as his Certified Government Financial Manager; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Higgins began his illustrious civilian federal career in 1981, at the Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command at Rock Island as an Operating Accountant for the Internal Controls Branch followed by the Army Stock Fund Branch; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Roy A. Higgins assumed a position as a Systems Accountant for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Accounting at the United States Army Finance and Accounting Center; during this period, he progressed to Lead Systems Accountant for the Program Budget Accounting System FMS Module; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Higgins became the Army's Program Manager for the FMS

Financial Management Improvement project in 1990; in this position, he served as the Army representative on a committee with representatives from the Navy, Air Force, Defense Logistics Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Defense Security Assistance Agency, responsible for standardizing FMS accounting for the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, Just one year later in 1991, Roy A. Higgins became the Finance and Accounting Officer at the United States Army Security Assistance Command where he was responsible for 57 employees and accounted for all of FMS sales; in March of 1993, the United States Army Security Assistance Command was capitalized, and he was assigned as the Defense Accounting Officer under the command and control of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver Center; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the position of Principal Deputy Director for Defense Finance and Accounting Service's (DFAS) Rome Operating Location in January of 1995, Roy A. Higgins was promoted to Director in March of 1999; he directed the DoD finance and accounting operations at Rome for the DFAS agency, which disburses substantial funds in travel and vendor payments each year for 16 Army customers located worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Roy A. Higgins was selected as the Accounting High Performing Organization Project Manager for the Agency, as well as the DFAS Rome Director of Audit Readiness in December of 2010; in April of 2013, he was appointed to his current position as the Deputy Director of DFAS Rome; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Deputy Director, Roy A. Higgins served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Roy A. Higgins, DFAS Rome has received numerous awards and accolades, culminating with a Hammer Award for its partnership with Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM); and

WHEREAS, As Deputy Director of DFAS Rome, Roy A. Higgins was presented with an Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service Transition Award at a ceremony on January 18, 2001; this

prestigious award is given in recognition of exceptional leadership within the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Higgins is a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) CNY Leatherstocking Chapter, where he held the office of President from 1997 to March of 2001; today, he is an auxiliary Vice President to the ASMC Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, recognizing his contributions to the CNY Leatherstocking Chapter, Roy A. Higgins was presented an esteemed National ASMC Award for chapter leadership; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his renowned federal career, Roy A. Higgins has been actively involved in the community he so ably serves; he volunteers his time and energies to youth ice hockey, church activities, scouting, and performing magic shows for local hospitals and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Defense Accounting and Finance Service of Rome, Roy Higgins earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend Roy A. Higgins upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Defense Accounting and Finance Service of Rome, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roy Higgins.