

## 2015-J773

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant Luis Alvarez upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Lieutenant Luis Alvarez upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Luis Alvarez began his illustrious career in law enforcement with the Liberty Police Department in 1983; two years later, he was hired by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and rose through the ranks to the esteemed rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, Lieutenant Luis Alvarez has been heavily involved in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, educating students and the overall community about the dangers of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, A familiar presence throughout the county, and one of the area's most recognizable law enforcement officers, Lieutenant Luis Alvarez has tirelessly served his community through his work with the DARE and School Resource Officer programs; in addition he has helped set up Neighborhood Watch communities, and given talks to seniors and other

groups on home safety and avoiding scams; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and commendations for his outstanding service, Lieutenant Luis Alvarez was honored with the Firemen's Life Saving Award and the Sullivan County Shield's Life Saving Award for his heroic actions in rescuing a man who was drowning in the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Lieutenant Luis Alvarez has displayed throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 38 years, Ida; their two children, Julio and Lucy; and four grandchildren, Stevie, Luis, Alex, and Charlie, 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 Lieutenant Luis Alvarez upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to honor Lieutenant Luis Alvarez.