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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Police Chief Steven Krokoff upon the occasion of his retirement after more than two decades of distinguished service to the City of Albany Police Department

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 commend Police Chief Steven Krokoff upon the occasion of his retirement after more than two decades of distinguished service to the City of Albany Police Department, to be celebrated at the Polish-American Community Center, Albany, New York, on Friday, March 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Steven Krokoff received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany; in May of 2013, he earned a Masters in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Steven Krokoff began his career with the Albany Police Department in 1993; he then graduated from the Police Academy and served as an Officer in the Patrol Division from 1993-2000; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2000, Officer Steven Krokoff was promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Division; in July of 2003, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant in the Office of Professional Standards; in March 2004, he was promoted to Commander in charge of the Office of Professional Standards; and

WHEREAS, In September of the year, he became Commander in charge of Detective Division before being promoted to Assistant Chief in October of 2005; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2008, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief in charge of daily operations of the Albany Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2009, Assistant Chief Steven Krokoff was named to serve as Acting Chief; and

WHEREAS, Just nine months later, Mayor Jerry Jennings named Steven Krokoff to the illustrious title of Police Chief, a position he would hold until his retirement in 2015; he later won the unanimous endorsement of city lawmakers as the first Police Chief ever confirmed by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Police Chief, Steven Krokoff was instrumental in decreasing property crime by 15.5 percent, and without employing aggressive tactics, reduced violent crime by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Steven Krokoff also created the Neighborhood Engagement Unit, a community police advisory board, and a strategic plan for the department, all while reducing crime levels in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Steven Krokoff and his present staff have been instrumental in redefining the Albany Police Department's community policing model by working with a diverse group of community leaders in an effort to improve the quality of life throughout the entire city of Albany; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lynn, and his two children, Brett and Taylor, all both 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

commend Police Chief Steven Krokoff upon the occasion of his retirement after more than two decades of distinguished service to the City of Albany Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Police Chief Steven Krokoff.