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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chief Criminal Investigator Gregory T. Gaetano upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the New Windsor 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 Chief Criminal Investigator Gregory T. Gaetano upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the New Windsor Police Department to be celebrated with a retirement party held in his honor on Friday, April 24, 2015, at Noble Roasters Coffee Shop in Campbell Hall, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Gregory T. Gaetano began his illustrious law enforcement career with the Town of New Windsor Police Department; he worked as a communications dispatcher and auxiliary police officer for two years before he was appointed police officer in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Gregory T. Gaetano worked as an undercover investigator with the Orange County District Attorney's Drug Task Force while assigned to the patrol division; he was then promoted to detective in 1988, where he worked on the Town's Fire Investigation Unit, working with agencies such as the FBI, DEA, ATF, and many other state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Gregory T. Gaetano was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, and was the Commanding Officer of the department's Community Police Unit; he also had oversight of the department's Training Division and Crime Prevention Unit; and

WHEREAS, For nine years, Gregory T. Gaetano served as a Patrol Sergeant and supervised the work of patrol officers, dispatchers, and civilian staff; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Gregory T. Gaetano received his associate's degree in criminal justice from Dutchess Community College, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mercy College in 1984; he went on to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from John Jay College in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Gregory T. Gaetano has taught at numerous police academies and schools including the Rockland Police Academy, Orange County Police Chief's Association Police Academy, and many other in-service police schools; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, at the Sheriff's office, Gregory T. Gaetano was responsible for the administrative oversight of the Narcotics Unit, and training programs, and served as the coordinator of grants and special projects, and administrative liaison to several other Orange County departments; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gregory T. Gaetano was assigned to the oversight of the office's Accreditation Program serving as program manager where he coordinated efforts to have the office receive Law Enforcement Accreditation from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services in both 2005 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Gregory T. Gaetano became an Accreditation Assessor for the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and served as manager of the Accreditation Program for the CALEA program; he also maintained the audit and control process of the agency and had administrative oversight of the Civil Office; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished man has worked with many local, state, and federal agencies in the Counter Terrorism Zone 4 area; in 2013, he was assigned to sit as Chairman and then Co-Chair of the Counter Terrorism Zone 4 Committee; and

WHEREAS, Gregory T. Gaetano has coordinated efforts with the Orange County Gang and Crime Intel Unit, and augmented the Intel capabilities of the Corrections Security Risk Group Unit; in addition, he served as the Coordinator of the County Wide DNA Reconciliation Program, and worked closely with the Director of the New York State DCJS DNA Data-bank, and local judges, police agencies, and Field Intelligence Officers; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the 221st session of the F.B.I. National Academy, Gregory T. Gaetano served as Section Chief of Section 5, and is an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at SUNY Orange Community College; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well as his profession, Gregory T. Gaetano is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 444 in Newburgh, New York, and holds the esteemed rank of Past Grand Knight; 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 Chief Criminal Investigator Gregory T. Gaetano upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the New Windsor Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Criminal Investigator Gregory T. Gaetano.