

## 2015-J1332

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION extending admiration and grateful appreciation to William A. Toomey, III, for his many years of distinguished service to the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission upon the occasion of his retirement as Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is privileged this day to recognize and pay tribute to an individual of distinguished purpose and true commitment who dedicated his professional career to public service and the pursuit of excellence while sustaining the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to extend admiration and grateful appreciation to William A. Toomey, III, for his many years of extraordinary service to the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission upon the occasion of his retirement as Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" A. Toomey, III began his illustrious career with the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission as a Comparer on September 7, 1977; through the years, he has held numerous positions including Assistant Comparer III, Associate Comparer I, Assistant Examiner II, Examiner, Senior Examiner, and Legal Aide; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Bill Toomey left to obtain his law degree from Albany Law School of Union University; upon his return in 1995, he continued his professional career as Assistant Counsel to the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Bill Toomey has been named Senior Counsel, Special Counsel, Deputy Counsel, and on January 1, 2009, the title of Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire on April 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Bill Toomey has served the Commission

with dependability, honor and integrity, effectively fulfilling the duties of his position and contributing significantly to the legal process of this great Empire State; while accomplishing this, he has never failed to acknowledge the importance of not only his family, but also of the families of those with whom he works; and

WHEREAS, Bill Toomey has always been insightful, fair and accessible; he has been steadfast and considerate in his dealings with others; his infinite knowledge of every aspect of the Commission is one to be admired, earning him the respect and affection of his staff and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to join the Commissioners and members of the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission in applauding William A. Toomey, III, a unique and remarkable employee, whose more than three decades of notable contributions to the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission have been invaluable, and extending to him best wishes for a future as rich and rewarding as his notable career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to extend admiration and grateful appreciation to William A. Toomey, III upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement as Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William A. Toomey, III.