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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION saluting Senior Master Sergeant Anita Sullivan upon the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the State of New York to pay tribute to those remarkable individuals within our midst who have honorably served their country, in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and whose military and professional lives serve to enhance the stature of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service fully merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of our rights and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is hereby proud to recognize Senior Master Sergeant Anita Sullivan upon the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force, effective July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan was born Anita M. Mozo in August 1957; she is also a 1975 graduate of East Syracuse-Minoa High School; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1977, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan enlisted in the New York Air National Guard and left for Basic Military Training on April 1, 1977, at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Basic Military Training, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan began Air Force Technical Training as an Air Passenger Specialist at the Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan returned to Hancock Field as a Drill Status Guardsman in the Traffic Management Office, where she performed additional training to achieve her 5-skill level as an Air Passenger Specialist; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan was hired as a full-time Air Technician and was assigned to the 174th Operations Group, cross-train-

ing into the Airfield Management career field and receiving her 7-skill level in Air Force Specialty Codes; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the 174th Operations Group, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan participated in several unit deployments, including a Joint Chief of Staff Checkered Flag Coronet Sail Exercise to Lechfeld Air Base, Germany, in 1981; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan was assigned to the position of GS-07 Standardization/Evaluation Technician; she held this position until 1989, when she decided to leave active duty and transfer into the Wing Safety Office as a Duty Status Guardsman, in order to spend more time with her family; and

WHEREAS, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan maintained her position in the Wing Safety Office until 1995, performing additional duties at Hancock Field when the 174th Fighter Wing was called to Federal Active Service in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD and Operation DESERT STORM; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1995, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan accepted a new job to become the Commander's Executive Assistant; she served in this position, which was eventually upgraded to an Active Guard/Reserve position, until her retirement in 2015, working directly for Wing Commanders' Colonel Robert Knauff, Colonel Anthony Basile, Colonel Kevin Bradley, and for Colonel Greg Semmel; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, having completed the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Course, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan was reassigned to the military position of Cyber Systems Superintendent and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, That same year, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan was assigned further duties as the 174th Fighter Wing Protocol Coordinator; in this additional role, she was instrumental in planning countless high-level

distinguished guest visits, numerous Change of Command ceremonies, several military funerals, and various community events; and

WHEREAS, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan's military decorations include, but are

not limited to: Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with eight oak leaf clusters; and

WHEREAS, SMSgt. Anita Sullivan also holds the following New York State awards and decorations: New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, New York State Defense of Liberty Medal, New York State Medal for Merit, New York State Recruiting Medal, New York State Exercise Support Ribbon, and the New York State Physical Fitness Ribbon with two silver shield devices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause to hereby recognize Senior Master Sergeant Anita Sullivan upon the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force, after 38 years of dedicated military service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senior Master Sergeant Anita Sullivan, United States Air Force, Retired.