

## 2015-J2285

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Major Christopher F. Cincio, Canadian Army Reserves, upon the occasion of being selected as Honorary Grand Marshal of the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Major Christopher F. Cincio, Canadian Army Reserves, upon the occasion of being selected as Honorary Grand Marshal of Lansingburgh's 19th Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of the month of May, we honor those Americans who gave their lives in defense of their country, whether in the Civil War which divided our nation, international conflicts such as the World Wars, or in peacetime service to uphold the cherished principles of liberty and democracy upon which our grand Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Honorary Grand Marshal of the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade is Major Christopher F. Cincio, Canadian Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in St. Catharines, Ontario, Major Christopher F. Cincio currently resides in Welland, Ontario, with his two children Paige and Michael; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Christopher F. Cincio joined the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, Canadian Army Reserve as an Infantryman; as a junior NCO, he specialized in machine guns, armored defense, small arms and recon; and

WHEREAS, Major Christopher F. Cincio was named Top Gunner on his Anti-Tank Gunner's course in 1983, and spent a number of years as a member of the Central Militia Area Small Arms Team, a result of which has been a number of shooting awards, culminating as the Champion Pistol Shot in Canada at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition in 1985; and WHEREAS, That same year, he was also designated as the "Top Tyro" (Rookie shooter) during Sniper matches at the same competition; furthermore, he is a five-time Ontario Rifle Association Pistol and Sub-Machine Gun shooting Champion; and

WHEREAS, Major Christopher F. Cincio is a pathfinder trained reconnaissance patrolman and was one of the original members of the re-established battalion recon platoon in 1987; in 1990, he was transferred to Battalion Operations as the OPS and Training SGT; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Major Christopher F. Cincio returned to the Recon Platoon as the Platoon Second in command; the following year, he was transferred back to the Line Infantry Companies where he had the opportunity to hone his skills as an infantry NCO during a number of challenging exercises and deployments; and

WHEREAS, Major Christopher F. Cincio held positions such as a Company Sergeant-Major and Drill Sergeant-Major; he assumed the duties of the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in October 2000 until his retirement in October of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Major Christopher F. Cincio was commissioned from the ranks shortly after his very brief retirement and, as a result, held positions of Infantry Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer, and Plans Officer and is currently the Deputy Commanding Officer of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Brock University, Major Christopher F. Cincio holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Information Processing; furthermore, he is a graduate of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College; and

WHEREAS, In civilian life, he is a member of the Niagara Regional Police Service where he currently holds the rank of Inspector, where he oversees regional operations and deploys operationally as a Tactical Incident Commander; and

WHEREAS, Major Christopher F. Cincio is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, NTOA, AOPA and FBI LEEDA; in his free time, he is a master scuba diver and a recreational aeroplane pilot; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, Major Christopher F. Cincio has both attended and participated in the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade and is a life member of the Veterans of Lansingburgh; and

WHEREAS, As we observe and remember our deceased veterans on Memorial Day, we recall their brave and noble deeds as well as their sacrifices which have served to maintain our most precious and cherished freedoms and honor those who continue to work diligently to support and sustain them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Major Christopher F. Cincio, Canadian Army Reserves, upon the occasion of being selected as Honorary Grand Marshal of the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Major Christopher F. Cincio.