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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles Patricelli upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of distinguished service to the Watervliet Housing Authority

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charles Patricelli upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of distinguished service to the Watervliet Housing Authority to be celebrated at a party held in his honor on Friday, January 29, 2016, at the Watervliet Elks Club in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Siena College, Charles Patricelli began his professional career serving as a clerk in the Albany County Executive's Office; several years later, he was recruited by the City of Watervliet to work as an assistant to the General Manager at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Charles Patricelli was appointed Executive Director of the Watervliet Housing Authority (WHA), and immediately set to work transforming an organization which had experienced numerous fiscal and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to ensuring residents in WHA facilities enjoyed a safe and affordable place to live, Charles Patricelli led his staff in beautifying the organization's complexes and reached out to the local community; he also forged strong relationships with the Watervliet Police Department and city departments and organizations such as Little League and Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, Known for his sense of humor, as well as his no-nonsense

approach to leadership, Charles Patricelli has built the WHA into one of the most financially sound housing authorities in the country while establishing a reputation for excellence at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Executive Director Charles Patricelli has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of WHA tenants and their families; he has provided residents with quality amenities, free Wi-Fi and beautifully landscaped grounds; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Charles Patricelli has also given young children opportunities to play Little League baseball, offered computers for child tenants and graduating high school seniors, and organized annual Christmas visits with presents from Santa Claus; and

WHEREAS, In addition to overseeing a staff of ten and more than 400 units spread throughout the City of Watervliet and Village of Green Island, this esteemed civic leader has served as the Director of the Cohoes Housing Authority where he has achieved outstanding results; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Charles Patricelli has expertly fulfilled the various wide-ranging responsibilities of his office while displaying the tremendous insight, creativity and professionalism which is his hallmark; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Charles Patricelli was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; earning him the admiration of his colleagues and a reputation as one of the best housing directors in the country; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patricelli has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has served as a board member of numerous community organizations including the Albany County Youth

Bureau, Visiting Nurses Association of Troy, and the Hudson Mohawk United Way; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Charles Patricelli is the former first Vice

President of the Rensselaer Red Cross, past Chairman of the Board of the Watervliet Civic Center, and past President of the Watervliet Rotary Club, as well as Treasurer of Cub Scouts Pack 639; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, the former Mary Lynn Nash, and their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and in the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when civic leaders of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles Patricelli upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of distinguished service to the Watervliet Housing Authority, and to wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Patricelli.