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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James Ferlo upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the State of Pennsylvania

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

WHEREAS, Our local governments have been strengthened by generations of Americans who felt a sense of responsibility to their community, to one another and to their families; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James Ferlo upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the State of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rome, New York, on June 19, 1951, James "Jim" Ferlo was one of 10 siblings born to Italian immigrants, the late Thomas Henry and Isabella Ferlo; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Jim Ferlo relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to protest the Vietnam War; a community activist for Peoples Oakland, he was employed by the City during the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Jim Ferlo was elected to the Pittsburgh City Council, representing the people of the 7th District; from 1994-1997, he held the esteemed title of President; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 15 year tenure, Jim Ferlo was a strong advocate for historic preservation within the City, and was vocal about his criticism of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Jim Ferlo was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, representing the people of the 38th District which included

sections of Allegheny, Westmoreland and Armstrong counties; and

WHEREAS, For his exemplary service to his constituents, Jim Ferlo was named to The Best of the Freshman Class by PoliticsPA; and

WHEREAS, Jim Ferlo overwhelmingly won the next two elections, serving the people of Pennsylvania for a total of 12 years, officially retiring in January of 2015; and

WHEREAS, As a Senator, Jim Ferlo has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable public service to the State of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Jim Ferlo served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Jim Ferlo earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James Ferlo upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the State of Pennsylvania, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Ferlo.