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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mary B. Gooden upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the City of Glens Falls

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, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary B. Gooden upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the City of Glens Falls; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Friday, February 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Mary B. Gooden rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Glens Falls Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Born in Evergreen, Alabama as the sixth of nine children, Mary B. Gooden relocated to Glens Falls, New York with her family as a child; and

WHEREAS, After attending college in Manhattan, Mary B. Gooden began her illustrious career with the City of Glens Falls as a Meter Maid in 1984; nine years later, the job was reclassified as a Traffic Control Assistant, and became a civil service position; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Traffic Control Assistant, Mary B. Gooden

served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Mary B. Gooden has served under five Chiefs of Police, and is the most senior member of the City Police

Department with 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Mary B. Gooden was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; she has truly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues;

and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Ernest "Sonny" Gooden, and their five children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mary B. Gooden upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the City of Glens Falls, and to wish

her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary B. Gooden.