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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph T. Smith upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 37 years of distinguished service to the New York State Department of Corrections on May 4, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating 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 Joseph T. Smith upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 33 years of distinguished service to the New York State Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, This momentous milestone will be celebrated at a party held in his honor on May 4, 2016, at Novella's in New Paltz, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the State University of New York at Utica, Joseph T. Smith began his long and distinguished public service career as a Probation Officer; and

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Smith then served as a member of the New York State Department of Corrections for the next 33 years, 14 of which were spent at the Shawangunk Correctional Facility in Wallkill, New York; he quickly rose through the ranks before attaining the esteemed title of Supervising Superintendent, the position from which he will officially retire on April 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph T. Smith was named the Director of the

Crisis Intervention Unit in 1996; and

WHEREAS, After his well-deserved retirement, Joseph T. Smith plans on spending more time with his family, and looks forward to walking his daughter down the aisle when she gets married in October; in addition, he would like to explore both Italy and Ireland and fish in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lives, Joseph T. Smith will continue to coach CYO Basketball and become more involved with the Wallkill Hook, Ladder and Hose Company; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 34 years, Elaine, and their two children, Mallory and T. J., all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, For almost four decades, this extraordinary officer has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Supervising Superintendent of the Shawangunk Correctional Facility, Joseph T. Smith served with loyalty, honor and distinction; he was governed by a keen sense of duty, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the New York State Department of Corrections, Joseph T. Smith earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph T. Smith upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 37 years of distinguished service to the New York State Department of Corrections, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph T. Smith.