

## 2015-J5157

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending First Assistant Public Defender David L. Arthur upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the people of Rome, New York

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend First Assistant Public Defender David L. Arthur upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the people of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Rome, New York, David L. Arthur completed his Juris Doctor in Delaware in 1979, and went to work for his father and uncle at the law firm of Arthur, Arthur & Arthur; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, David L. Arthur joined the Oneida County Public Defender's Office in 1981, where he ably served the people of his community by protecting the rights and ensuring fair treatment for those who could not afford legal representation; and

WHEREAS, For the past decade, David L. Arthur has served with loyalty, honor and distinction as First Assistant Public Defender in the Rome City Court, becoming the second longest serving public defender in the office; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, this esteemed public servant treated all of his clients with dignity and compassion; his tireless efforts not only ensured that his defendants received fair representation, but also helped them understand the impact of their decisions and improve their lives; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, First Assistant Public Defender David

L. Arthur directed many notable cases, and was always governed by a keen sense of duty and instinctive probity; he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of those with whom he served; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and their two children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of standards in the legal profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend First Assistant Public Defender David L. Arthur upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the people of Rome, New York, and to wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David L. Arthur.