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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the New York State Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished 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, The quality of life in these communities is largely reflective of the commitment and dedication demonstrated by members of the agencies which serve to protect, preserve and maintain public order; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the New York State Police Department, to be celebrated with a Ceremony on Thursday, June 16, 2016; 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; Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Charles F. Torres rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Torres began his career in law enforcement with the New York State Police in September of 1985; throughout his illustrious tenure, he climbed the ranks to become the Senior Investigator, the

esteemed position from which he will retire; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to Senior Investigator in 2005, Charles F. Torres was assigned to the New York State Police Casino Unit at Batavia Downs Racino, where he helped train the racino investigators and reviewed all criminal arrests at the facility; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres has been assigned to the Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) in Batavia, where he supervises criminal investigations of narcotics related crime, helping to keep drug related crime off the streets; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his experience, Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres is a trained crisis intervention and hostage negotiator; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Senior Investigator, Charles F. Torres served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including, Mayoral Recognition for Outstanding Community Service, Community Service Award from Back to Basics Ministries, Inc., Superintendent Letter of Commendation, Drug Enforcement Agency Certificate of Appreciation, Erie County Legislature's Certificate of Merit for Community Service, Amherst Police Department Certificate of Recognition, Drug Enforcement Agency Regional Award for Cooperative Law Enforcement, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Certificate of Appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres serves as a board member of both the Police Athletic League and the Roswell Community Outreach Advisory Board; he is also the past president and Vice President of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Day Parade of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Betty, and their son, Christian, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and commend such outstanding law enforcement officers as Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres for their valued contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the New York State Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senior Investigator Charles F. Torres.