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Senate Resolution No. 3308

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING The Honorable Hugh A. Gilbert upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service as a Justice in Jefferson County

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 congratulate The Honorable Hugh A. Gilbert upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service as a justice in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, A native of West Carthage, Hugh A. Gilbert began his work in the legal field in 1966, as both an Assistant District Attorney and an attorney for the Watertown Savings Bank; and

WHEREAS, He served as justice to the Jefferson County Family Court beginning in 1978, and also served as justice to the Surrogate Court for four years; and

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Gilbert was first elected to the State Supreme

Court in Jefferson County in 1989, where he served until his retirement in December of 2017; and

WHEREAS, During the 1970s, Hugh A. Gilbert was also a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Housing and Urban Development as well as the Tug Hill Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, he became a member of the New York Federal-State-Tribal Courts And Indian Nations Justice Forum, and later became a member of its Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Justice Hugh A. Gilbert deserves our thanks for serving in all of the varied positions he has held and for his many accomplishments which include helping to draft the Factory Manufactured Home Act of 1973, working to see that the Tug Hill Commission had a long and fruitful future, acting as a facilitator for Family Courts outside New York City, and assisting in getting the State to recognize tribal marriages and making tribal laws enforceable in both State and county courts; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Hugh A. Gilbert has clearly had an enduring impact on his community and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support their communities by providing their skills and talents to helping others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate The Honorable Hugh A. Gilbert upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service as a Justice in

Jefferson County, 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 The Honorable Hugh A. Gilbert.