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Senate Resolution No. 5666

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING Mark C. McMurray upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years of distinguished service to St. Lawrence University in Canton, 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 congratulate Mark C. McMurray upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years of distinguished service to St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mark C. McMurray, a resident of Canton, holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Hamilton College, and a master's in library science from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, He joined the libraries profession in 1993; and

WHEREAS, He served as curator of Special Collections and as University Archivist for St. Lawrence University and also managed the university's rare books and manuscript collections; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the university's special collections and archives grew, with a particular focus on the St. Lawrence Valley and the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, Mark C. McMurray has been instrumental in working with students, faculty, and researchers in helping them use the university's collections to further their scholarship; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished book designer, printer, and publisher of limited edition texts at Caliban Press in Canton, New York, Mark C. McMurray has shared his knowledge by teaching several classes on the history of printing; and

WHEREAS, Mark C. McMurray is leaving behind a legacy of dedication, enthusiasm and talent, as both a librarian and teacher, and he will be greatly missed by the students, faculty and staff of St. Lawrence University; and

WHEREAS, Mark C. McMurray has clearly had an enduring impact on his fellow workers, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive improvement to his community and 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 honor Mark C. McMurray upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years of distinguished service to St. Lawrence University, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark C. McMurray.