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Senate Resolution No. 214

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Zone Sergeant Richard J. Misterka upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the New York State Police

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Zone Sergeant Richard J. Misterka upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the New York State Police; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Friday, October 5, 2018, at Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro, New York; 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; Zone Sergeant Richard J. Misterka is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 4, 1960, in Utica, New York, to Joseph and Agnes Misterka, Richard J. Misterka graduated from New York Mills High School in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Misterka earned an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Mohawk Valley Community College in 1980; he went on to graduate Upper Division from SUNY Tech in 1982, with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Misterka and the former Sharon Houghtaling were united in marriage on April 19, 1983, at St. Ann's Church in Whitesboro; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man began his illustrious career with the New York State Police on October 20, 1982; he quickly climbed the ranks to become Sergeant on March 31, 1988, and Zone Sergeant on July 22, 1999, the esteemed position from which he retired on August 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sharon, and their three children, Randi, Catherine and Richard Jr., as well as two granddaughters, Nellie Grace and Abigail Rose, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 Zone Sergeant Richard J. Misterka upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the New York State Police, 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 Zone Sergeant Richard J. Misterka.