

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brian Fischer upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the People of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the safety of the public and the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brian Fischer upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service to the State of New York, 37 years of which were in the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and

WHEREAS, Brian Fischer is originally from Brooklyn and has lived most of his life in Rockland County with his beloved wife with whom he has two grown sons; and

WHEREAS, Brian Fischer began his career in 1968 with the New York State Narcotic and Addiction Control Administration; in 1975, he joined the Department of Correctional Services and was appointed Superintendent of Queensboro Correctional Facility in 1991, and then Superintendent of Sing Sing in 2000; and

WHEREAS, For the past six years, Brian Fischer rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and

WHEREAS, Brian Fischer has improved public safety by providing incarcerated persons with supportive programming in prison and supportive supervision when they return home to their communities; and

WHEREAS, While acting as the leader of the largest agency in the State of New York, Brian Fischer has recognized the value of each person, protecting human dignity while offering respect and structure to the prisoners and parolees of this state; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Brian Fischer was governed by a keen sense of duty and has always shown a unique grasp of human problems, earning the admiration, esteem, affection and respect of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Brian Fischer has been recognized nationally as a leader in the field of corrections, receiving numerous awards and honors including the Public Service Award from the New York State Bar Association for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Corrections, 2011; the Public Service Award from the Community College Fellowship, City University of New York, 2009; and the Warden of the Year Award from the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents for his work at Sing Sing in 2006; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brian Fischer on the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of devoted and distinguished service to the State of New York, 37 years of which were served with dedication, innovation and progressive leadership of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and to extend to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian Fischer.