

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Saratoga County Public Defender John H. Ciulla Jr., upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Saratoga County Public Defender John H. Ciulla Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Saratoga County Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Public Defender John H. Ciulla Jr.'s legal career has spanned nearly 35 years and encompassed thousands of cases; he stepped down from his position in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, John H. Ciulla Jr. graduated from the State University of New York at Cortland with a degree in math education but, inspired by the example of an attorney who did wonderful things for his hometown of Mechanicville, New York, opted to attend Albany Law School instead; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from law school, John H. Ciulla Jr. worked at a small law firm in Saratoga Springs, New York, before opening his own practice in 1978, the same year he took a job as an assistant public defender in the Saratoga County Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, John H. Ciulla Jr. was appointed county public defender in 1989 and maintained a private law practice until 2001, when the position of public defender was made full-time; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 35 years, John H. Ciulla Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Saratoga County Public Defender's Office, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, John H. Ciulla Jr. is widely respected as an accessible and committed defender, whose steady hand, even temper and quiet but determined work ethic will be missed by all; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Saratoga County Public Defender, John H. Ciulla Jr. served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Linda, and their daughters, Lisa Ann and Jennifer, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, John H. Ciulla Jr. plans to spend more time with his family, travel, exercise, and return to private practice on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Saratoga County Public Defender John H. Ciulla Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John H. Ciulla Jr.