LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph C. O'Connor upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of 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, For almost 40 years, Joseph C. O'Connor rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph C. O'Connor began his career in 1975, working in the State Senate as a messenger; after a few years, he was transferred to the Legislative Messenger Service; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Joseph C. O'Connor worked for Governor Mario M. Cuomo and continued to the present Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, Joseph C. O'Connor served with loyalty, honor and distinction; he was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, he volunteered as a fireman for the C.H. Kavanaugh Hook and Ladder Company in Waterford, New York in 1976, and was elected as Vice President, serving 17 terms from 1990-2007; he is also Chairman of the Firefighters Against Muscular Dystrophy for Waterford Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Joseph C. O'Connor is a member of the Saratoga County Volunteer Firemen's Association and served as President from 1993-1994; currently, he serves as Director, and has for several years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph C. O'Connor was a little league baseball manager in the 1970s and the 1980s; in high school, he was a baseball manager from 1971-1975, leading his team to the championships against Waterford/Halfmoon High School; and

WHEREAS, He is in the Fourth Degree Assembly Member of the Knights of Columbus where he served as an advocate member under Father Van Rensselaer; he is also a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Waterford, where he serves as Head Usher; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the State of New York, Joseph C. O'Connor earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph C. O'Connor upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph C. O'Connor.