

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring New York State Police Troop C Major Kevin Molinari on his retirement after nearly 35 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, The quality of life in the communities of the State of New York 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who devote their life's work and purpose to public service, contributing to the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and pay tribute to New York State Police Troop C Major Kevin Molinari upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Oneonta High School graduate Kevin Molinari, commander of New York State Police Troop C in Sidney, started his career with the New York State Police on September 25, 1978 and, he is officially retiring on June 25, 2013 at the mandatory age of 60; his last day at his post is May 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Major Molinari says that in retrospect he could not imagine doing anything else; he has found his career with the New York State Police to have been a most rewarding and enjoyable opportunity and one in which, with the support of his family, he was able to make a positive change in the lives of many people; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the New York State Police Academy in February 1979, he was assigned, as was customary, to three different barracks for thirty days each, Ithaca, Endwell and finally Norwich, where he was on permanent assignment until he transferred to the Oneonta barracks, which, having been born and raised in Oneonta, was something he wanted; and

WHEREAS, Since his days as a trooper, from 1979 until 1984, when he was promoted to sergeant, the job has changed a lot and, over the years, the increase in drug use has led to an increase in violence and, the advancement of technology over the years has been a major aid and improvement; and

WHEREAS, Surveillance cameras in public areas are a great tool and technology and forensic work have given law enforcement a significant edge in fighting crime and identifying perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, When Major Molinari became a lieutenant in 1988, he was sent to Troop K in Westchester; and

WHEREAS, Major Molinari returned to Troop C in Oneonta, where, his wife, Linda, was raising their two children, Meghan and Michael, in June 1989; he was assigned as zone commander in Binghamton; and, in 1992, he was promoted to captain and was transferred to Troop C headquarters in Sidney; he was assigned as zone commander in Oneonta in September 1994 and became a major in December 2006; and

WHEREAS, Among Major Molinari's most memorable events over the years was being assigned to work the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, where he had the opportunity to watch the United States Hockey team win the gold medal; and

WHEREAS, Highly praised and justly recognized for his unwavering determination, integrity, selfless commitment, professionalism and preeminent skills, Major Molinari has earned the admiration, esteem and

respect of his colleagues and the Oneonta and other communities he has served so well for so many years; and

WHEREAS, As Major Kevin Molinari completes his distinguished nearly 35 year career as a law enforcement officer, the dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Major Molinari, who devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others truly merit the due praise and just recognition of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Major Kevin Molinari upon the occasion of his retirement from the New York State Police after nearly 35 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Major Kevin Molinari.