

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Patrick Smith upon the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, Inc.

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished careers of its esteemed public servants; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Smith, Director of Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, Inc., was recognized during a holiday party on January 12, 2013 upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement after 13 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Pat earned an Associate of Arts degree from Fulton-Montgomery Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the State University of New York College at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, He served as Captain and Commanding Officer of the Detective Division and Youth Aid Bureau of the New York State Police from 1991 until 1993; and

WHEREAS, From 1993 until 1998, Pat served the Schenectady Police Department as Assistant Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, He began his distinguished tenure as Director of the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, Inc. on October 4, 1999; he announced his retirement from this position effective January 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Under his capable leadership, the academy moved from its original location in Troy to a larger facility in Schenectady in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Pat has been dedicated to forging many new programs that enhance the law enforcement training experience; and

WHEREAS, There has been a dramatic increase in training, especially specialized training, at the academy due in large part to his close working relationship with the countless other agencies which utilize the facility; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed his time and expertise to a consortium involved in the establishment of a state-of-the-art facility for firearms and other training which is soon to open in Glenville; and

WHEREAS, Pat has also worked closely with the academy's Board of Directors, overseeing several programs which often run concurrently at the academy; and

WHEREAS, He has been a tremendous asset to the academy and the countless law enforcement officials who train there; and

WHEREAS, His expertise, dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm are an inspiration to his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Patrick Smith upon his well-deserved retirement as Director of the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patrick Smith.