

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak upon the occasion of his retirement from the Cheektowaga Police Department, on May 16, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak upon the occasion of his retirement from the Cheektowaga Police Department, on May 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak gave the Cheektowaga Police Department nearly three decades of dedicated service, assisting residents and aiding many neighborhood groups in preventing crime; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak joined the police force in January 1984; during that time he received eight letters of recommendation for his patrol work, including one letter for subduing an armed man during a domestic violence incident; he also led the Crime Resistant Unit established in 1991, which helps community groups and residents prevent crime by offering police support and assistance; and

WHEREAS, In October 1993, Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak was promoted to sergeant and worked at the desk for six years before becoming a patrol sergeant in November 1999; and

WHEREAS, He became the Police Department's community affairs lieutenant in 2005, serving in that capacity for eight years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak's police work extended to working within the community; he had close ties with numerous taxpayer, faith-based and school groups, and annually participated in Cheektowaga's National Night Out; in 2010 he received an achievement award for his community work; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak was also active in union affairs; he served for the past two years as treasurer of the Captains and Lieutenants Association; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak has made a significant contribution to the Cheektowaga community throughout his 29 years of service to the police force; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak upon the occasion of his retirement from the Cheektowaga Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Mark J. Petruniak.