

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda Waters Reed upon the occasion of her retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the United States Air Force

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

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Linda Waters Reed upon the occasion of her retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the United States Air Force; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Monday, February 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Linda Waters Reed completed her 42 year military career as Chief of the Contracting Division, Information Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Information Directorate is the Air Force's premier research organization for command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) and cyber technologies; the mission of this Directorate is to explore, prototype and demonstrate high-impact, game changing technologies that enable the Air Force and Nation to maintain its superior technical advantage; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Chief, Linda Waters Reed is the key contracting advisor on business management matters to the Director and staff, fully participating in decision making actions for the Information Directorate; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed woman determines contracting policies and procedures pertaining to the establishment and management of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and other transactions; she also manages the annual budget and directs the activities of 70 contract specialist personnel; and

WHEREAS, Linda Waters Reed began her illustrious career in September of 1973 as a clerk stenographer in the Reliability Physics Section, Reliability and Compatibility Division, Rome Air Development Center (RADC), Air Force Systems Command (AFSC); she was competitively selected as secretary in 1978 for the Research and Development (R&D) Computer Facilities Branch, Information Sciences Division, and two years later was selected to be the administrative assistant for the Telecommunications Branch, Communications and Control Division; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the next four decades, Linda Waters Reed would climb the ranks to hold such positions as buyer and contracting officer for the RADC, AFSC, and contract specialist and contracting officer for the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) Joint Systems Program Office (JSPO), Munition Systems Division, AFMC at Eglin Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Linda Waters Reed served on the Headquarters (HQ) AFMC contracting staff at Wright Patterson Air Force Base as a procurement analyst in the Science and Technology (S&T) Division and Contracting Policy and Process Division; and

WHEREAS, Transferring to the Acquisition Development Office of Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts, Linda Waters Reed championed acquisition reform initiatives, advocated policy changes, re-engineered existing business practices, provided acquisition tools and training,

supported ESC's planning and corporate initiative, and provided advice to ESC's acquisition teams; and

WHEREAS, Linda Waters Reed was promoted to Chief, Strategic and Nuclear Deterrence Contracting Division in April of 2000; in this capacity she performed functions for highly complex, long and short term acquisitions for major systems within Cheyenne Mountain; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2001, Linda Waters Reed joined the staff of the Air Force Research Laboratory, Information Directorate as the Deputy Chief of the Contracting Division, and just three years later, assumed the role of Chief of the Contracting Division, the esteemed position from which she retired; and

WHEREAS, Linda Waters Reed has been the recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include, the ESC Outstanding Contracting Chief, AFRL Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting Award, Exemplary Civilian Service Award, HQ AFMC Outstanding S&T Contracting Unit and Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Russell Steven Reed and their two sons, Russell II and Ryan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Linda Waters Reed over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Linda Waters Reed upon the occasion of her retirement after 42 years of distinguished service to the United States Air Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Waters Reed.