

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING Michael McGarry upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Guard

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michael McGarry upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Guard; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Michael McGarry served the citizens of New York with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, Michael McGarry has served the State of New York as both a Police Officer and State Guardsman; he is recognized as an expert in chemical, biological and nuclear counterterrorism and holds multiple State, Regional, National and Military Certifications to support his levels of expertise; and

WHEREAS, These Certifications include Accident Investigation by the United States Department of Transportation, Homeland Security, Emergency Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Custody and Acquisition of Drug Specimens by the United States Department of Energy, Internal Investigation by the New York Police Department, Hazardous Materials, Chemical and Biological Counterterrorism from the United States Army and Incidence Command, Confined Space Operations as well as Counterterrorism Response from the State of NY; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Michael McGarry has held the title of Lieutenant, Investigator for the Port Authority Police Department, Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer 3, Provost Marshal, New York Guard and Peer Mentor; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael McGarry manages a financial company with assets and is a Board Member of the New York Guard Association and is actively involved in Veterans Affairs through the Private First Class Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program, Vet to Vet; and

WHEREAS, Michael McGarry is the recipient of 35 Commendations for Bravery, Police Excellence and other accomplishments and has ensured the safety of the citizens of New York; he holds the esteemed Congressional Citation for Bravery and Port Authority Commendation Medal, for his work involving the September 11th attacks; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom Michael McGarry has worked, he will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Ester, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michael McGarry upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the New York State Guard, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael McGarry.