

Senate Resolution No. 21

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING The Honorable Barry M. Donalty upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of distinguished service as County Court Judge of Oneida County, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Oneida County community has been ably served and uniquely enriched through the selfless dedication and benevolent concern of Judge Barry M. Donalty; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Barry M. Donalty upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of distinguished service as County Court Judge of Oneida County, New York; he will officially step down on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Barry M. Donalty graduated from Manhattan College in 1968 with a Bachelor's Degree in Government; he went on to earn his Juris Doctorate at the University of Buffalo School of Law in 1971, and was admitted to practice law in New York State as well as in Federal Courts the following year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout a life and career of purposeful endeavor, Judge Barry M. Donalty has remained true to his commitment, serving family, faith and community, as well as the law; his contributions and accomplishments have brought great benefit and positive influence to bear upon the course of jurisprudence and the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Barry M. Donalty worked as both an assistant district attorney and an assistant attorney general before being elected Oneida County District Attorney in 1981; he served in that position until he was elected judge in January of 1994; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Barry M. Donalty has served as Supervising Judge, Criminal Term, Fifth Judicial District since February of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Firm in his commitment for more than two decades, Judge Barry M. Donalty has remained dedicated to the betterment and progress of the Oneida County community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Barry M. Donalty has served as Chairman of the Oneida County Traffic Safety Board and as a member of the Jail Advisory Committee; he also served the Alternative to Incarceration Committee, Oneida County Law Enforcement Coalition, New York State District

Attorneys Association, and the New York State Law Enforcement Coalition;
and

WHEREAS, A member of Oneida County and New York State Bar Associations, Judge Barry M. Donalty served two terms as Chairman of the Oneida County Bar Association's Criminal Justice Committee, and as an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Mohawk Valley Community College for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Respected by both attorneys and defendants alike, Judge Barry M. Donalty always conducted an impartial and objective court; he treated all defendants with compassion and dignity while at the same time remaining fair in his rulings; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of many civic and charitable organizations in Oneida County, Judge Barry M. Donalty served for two years as Event Director for New York Special Olympics Spring Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Judge Barry M. Donalty, in every capacity in which he served, has left his permanent mark on the criminal justice community and will forever be remembered as a determined, innovative and genuinely concerned expert in his field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Judge Barry M. Donalty upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of distinguished service as County Court Judge of Oneida County, New York, and to extend its sincere gratitude for his contribution to the people of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Barry M. Donalty.