

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

COMMENDING James W. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service as a Sergeant-at-Arms in the New York State Senate

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 James W. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service as a Sergeant-at-Arms in the New York State Senate; he officially retired from this esteemed position on Sunday, December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, James W. Murphy, affectionately known as Jim, was born on May 11, 1932, to Charles and Janet Brennan Murphy in Cohoes, New York; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in the Capital Region, James W. Murphy graduated from Albany High School in June 1950, before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps on May 11, 1952, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, James W. Murphy valiantly served his country during the Korean War from May of 1953 to August of 1954, at the Marine Corps base in Pohang; he was then stationed at the Boston Navy Yard from August of 1954 until his honorable discharge on May 11, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, James W. Murphy attended Siena College from 1955 to 1959, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, James W. Murphy and Mary Knapp were united in marriage on May 31, 1958, and together they raised three children; and

WHEREAS, James W. Murphy began his illustrious career as Sergeant-at-Arms in the New York State Senate in January of 1990, prior to which he was employed by the Internal Revenue Service for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Sergeant-at-Arms, James W. Murphy served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, James W. Murphy is a devout member of St. Francis de Sales Church in Colonie, where he previously served as a religious education teacher; in addition, he was a little league coach in Colonie from

1968-1972, and an assistant coach in East Greenbush from 2001-2005; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, James W. Murphy is a member of the American Legion as well as the United States Internal Revenue Post 1750, where he has served as Post Commander three times; and

WHEREAS, For the past 28 years, James W. Murphy rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Senate, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary, and their three children, James E., Dolores and Ann, as well as a grandson, Ryan James, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership and commitment as that demonstrated by James W. Murphy over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James W. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service as a Sergeant-at-Arms in the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James W. Murphy.