

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Lieutenant Patrick McMaster upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Patrick McMaster upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Depew, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation is a nonprofit corporation which assists federal, state and local law enforcement and investigative agencies by providing grants for special equipment and technical training; and

WHEREAS, Orchard Park Police Detective Lieutenant Patrick McMaster is being honored with this auspicious award for his dedicated service and outstanding contribution to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Patrick McMaster has served the Orchard Park community as a police officer for 25 years; climbing the ranks, he was promoted to Lieutenant in February of 2001, and Detective Lieutenant in October of 2006, during which time he was responsible for the department's New York State Division of Criminal Justice re-accreditation in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, Patrick McMaster has also been a member of the Orchard Park Emergency Response Team where he is currently a team leader; and

WHEREAS, As commander of the Detective Bureau, Patrick McMaster has been involved in and led many intensive investigations, including a December 2006 homicide which led to the arrest of an individual who was responsible for two additional state police homicide investigations; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, this extraordinary man was the lead detective for the August 2009 homicide case, resulting in a 60-plus-year prison sentence for the accused murderer; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished member of the Orchard Park Police Department, Patrick McMaster has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession; and

WHEREAS, Patrick McMaster has faithfully executed his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, justly earning the respect and admiration of his fellow officers while providing his community and its citizenry with the highest standard of service and protection; 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 Patrick McMaster upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Patrick McMaster.