

Assembly Resolution No. 689

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HONORING Emil Paparella upon the occasion of his retirement after three decades of public service

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Emil Paparella has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Emil Paparella upon the occasion of his retirement after three decades of public service, to be celebrated with a party in his honor on Wednesday, December 18, 2019; he will officially retire on Tuesday, December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Emil Paparella, a lifelong resident of Utica, New York, is retiring from his post of County Legislator for North Utica after 33 years of service; and

WHEREAS, In his time as County Legislator, Emil Paparella has held many positions for the county including serving as a member of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Ways and Means and Airport Committee, Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, and the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Governmental Policy and Liaison Committee; he also held the title of Chairman of the Health and Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, Emil Paparella went above and beyond his role as a public servant with his volunteer service to the community; among his vast list of volunteer experiences, he served as Treasurer and Member of the Board of Directors of the North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he held the esteemed position of Trustee of St. Peter's Church, and is a member of Moose Lodge and Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aire No. 97; and

WHEREAS, A true pillar of his community, Emil Paparella is retired from Lockheed-Martin, formerly General Electric, and is a retired member of the International Association of Machinists LL 784, and the General Electric Quarter Century Club; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former M. Janet Benzo, their children, Deacon Anthony, Mark, and Emily, as well as their five loving grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Emil Paparella has displayed

throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Emil Paparella upon the occasion of his retirement after three decades of public service, noting all the hard work he has done for the North Utica region over the past 33 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emil Paparella.