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CONGRATULATING Lieutenant Joe Morgia upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lieutenant Joe Morgia upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department; his last day on the job was Monday, February 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Joe Morgia has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his country and his community; and

WHEREAS, A proud veteran of the United States Army, Lieutenant Joe Morgia has spent decades helping others in a variety of public safety roles including dispatcher, firefighter, and paramedic; and

WHEREAS, Known around the department as an exceptional worker and an asset to the force, Lieutenant Joe Morgia was instrumental in bringing ambulance services to Utica, he was admired for his great skills and demonstrated compassion for all those he treated; and

WHEREAS, Having seen his fair share of tragedy in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in New York City on 9/11, as well as some terrible local fires and injuries, Lieutenant Joe Morgia never lost his enjoyment of being a firefighter and helping people; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished career, Lieutenant Joe Morgia has always remained positive, and focuses on the many moments of joy in his career, such as safely delivering seven babies; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, which spanned three decades, Lieutenant Joe Morgia put his life on the line in an effort to protect the safety of others, always working diligently to protect his community and its residents from fire and other dangers; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected people are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill

of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Joe Morgia is one such firefighter; throughout 30 years of devoted service, this man heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Lieutenant Joe Morgia upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Joe Morgia.