

Assembly Resolution No. 977

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HONORING Sergeant Mark Fields upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the Utica Police Department

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; Sergeant Mark Fields is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sergeant Mark Fields upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the Utica Police Department; he officially retired on Friday, April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mark Fields began his career on October 18, 1999, and served in multiple capacities within the Utica Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Officer Mark Fields started in the Patrol Division before advancing to the Tactical Unit where he became a canine handler with his partner, Jago; and

WHEREAS, Following his deployment with the Tactical Unit, Officer Mark Fields became an Investigator within the Criminal Investigations Division; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Investigator Mark Fields received an award for Exceptional Duty from the Utica Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2014, he received a promotion to the esteemed rank of Sergeant where he supervised the Day Shift Criminal Investigations Division, the position from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mark Fields was a true leader within the Utica Police Department and the community he served; throughout his revered career, many of his fellow officers looked up to him and emulated him in hopes of success; 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 Sergeant Mark Fields upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the Utica Police Department, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergeant Mark Fields.