

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Mello Testa upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the residents of the city of Utica and Oneida County

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Mello Testa upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the residents of both the City of Utica and Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, Mello Testa began his four decade career in public service as a teenager when he took a job mowing the lawn for the Urban Renewal Agency; for the next few summers, he was a playground supervisor for the City of Utica and during the winters, he worked as a snow maker at the Parkway Ski Area; during this time, he was also a night watchman for the Utica City School District at Murnane Field; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1992, Mello Testa became a director with the Oneida County Purchasing Department, the position from which he will officially retire on December 30, 2021; throughout his tenure, he served under four county executives, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this role, Mello Testa served as a City of Utica councilmember for three years; in this capacity, he diligently worked to make the city a better place for its citizens to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mello Testa has displayed throughout his life; 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 congratulate Mello Testa upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the residents of the City of Utica and Oneida County, 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 Mello Testa.