

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** Captain Don Cinque upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service to the Utica Police Department

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers 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 commend Captain Don Cinque upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service to the Utica Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Captain Don Cinque began his esteemed law enforcement career, spanning two decades, with the Utica Police Department in 2002; throughout his many years of service, he worked in several departments including Tactical Unit, K-9 with partner Rock, and Patrol Division where he served as Captain and most recently, as Captain of the Logistics and Resources unit, the position from which he officially retired on February 25, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** In this role, Captain Don Cinque oversaw the day-to-day operations of the department's finances, budget, and staff; and

**WHEREAS,** Captain Don Cinque was also a team leader of METRO SWAT, and modernized the unit with the most recent updated tactics, equipment and industry standards; and

**WHEREAS,** Under his able leadership, METRO SWAT became a New York State Accredited team and the Utica Police Department and the New Hartford Police Department joined forces with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to create a larger METRO team; he also formed partnerships with outside agencies to ensure teams within the greater area would be able to work together in case of a major event; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his tenure, Captain Don Cinque truly served the residents of the City of Utica with compassion, integrity, and fairness, attributes which will forever serve as an example for his fellow officers; 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

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**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Captain Don Cinque upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of 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 Captain Don Cinque.