

Assembly Resolution No. 26

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CONGRATULATING Daniel E. Barry Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 58 years of distinguished service to the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and 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 Daniel E. Barry Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 58 years of distinguished service to the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Daniel E. Barry Jr. put himself through college and law school, graduating with a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Buffalo in 1962; and

WHEREAS, This impressive man proudly served his nation as a member of the United States Marines, serving overseas during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Daniel E. Barry Jr. began his illustrious career with the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo as an attorney assisting low income individuals in civil proceedings; he became a founding member of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo's Public Defender Office in 1963; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man went on to become the Chief of the Public Defender Office for more than three decades before stepping down; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Daniel E. Barry Jr. became a zealous advocate for the right of indigent defendants to have an attorney, recognizing that even the smallest cases are huge in the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his esteemed career, Daniel E. Barry Jr. was awarded the Wilfred R. O'Connor Award by the New York State Defenders Association in 2008, a Certificate of Commendation to commemorate his five decades of service with the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo in 2012, and the Michele Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defense Practitioner in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Daniel E. Barry Jr. will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Daniel E. Barry Jr., in every capacity in which he served, has left his permanent mark on the criminal justice community and will forever be remembered as a determined, innovative and genuinely concerned expert in his field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Daniel E. Barry Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 58 years of distinguished service as a public defender, 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 Daniel E. Barry Jr.