

Senate Resolution No. 1743

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Chief Master Sergeant John A. Jones upon his retirement after faithful military service as Commander of the Civil Air Patrol's NY Wing

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals who have honorably and courageously served this country, in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and to support civilian authorities during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief Master Sergeant John A. Jones upon his retirement after faithful military service as Commander of the Civil Air Patrol's NY Wing, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Change of Command Ceremony to be held at 1100 Fuel Cell Hanger, Hancock Field ANGB in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Having entered the Air Force in August of 1993, John Jones served in a myriad of positions with growing responsibility over the next 31 years, culminating in his current position in the NYS Air National Guard as Superintendent of the 174th Maintenance Operations Flight, 174th Maintenance Group, Hancock Field ANGB, Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Initially, John Jones served as an Airlift Aircraft Maintenance Specialist assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base; in 1997, he transitioned to the 174th Fighter Wing of the New York Air National Guard and for nine years held the responsibilities of Attack Controls Systems Specialist and Electronic Integrated Systems Specialist, maintaining critical electronic systems of the F-16C/D Fighting Falcon; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, John Jones moved to the Maintenance Group Quality Assurance office as the Avionics Inspector, eventually serving as the Chief Inspector and Superintendent; he bravely served on many deployments to Europe and the Middle East to support vital missions for the Nation, such as Operations DELIBERATE FORCE, SOUTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, and ENDURING FREEDOM; and

WHEREAS, A man with extensive education and experience, John Jones was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant on June 9, 2017; he commanded over 2,100 personnel and was responsible for organizing and executing various missions for the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense, and New York State; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished military career, Chief Master Sergeant John A. Jones has received numerous military awards and decorations for his dedicated service, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with

silver oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with one device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NATO Medal, and many other achievements; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his community and the armed forces, John Jones is a member of the Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Air Force Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Service Academy Selection Committee, and Veteran's Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Jones received several educational merits, having graduated from many Air Force training academies with honors; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chief Master Sergeant John A. Jones upon his retirement after faithful military service as Commander of the Civil Air Patrol's NY Wing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Master Sergeant John A. Jones.