

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Trooper Thomas Haver upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the New York State Police Department

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devoted their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Trooper Thomas Haver upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the New York State Police Department, to be celebrated on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley in Utica, New York; 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; Trooper Thomas Haver is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thomas Haver began his career with the New York State Police Department on December 8, 2003, and faithfully served the citizens of this great Empire State until his official retirement on December 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Trooper Thomas Haver epitomized the role and accentuated the ideals of an outstanding law enforcement officer, having served in Troops C and F, and retiring from Troop D, Zone 1 SP Poland in Herkimer County, New York; and

WHEREAS, A testament to his steadfast dedication and admirable character, Trooper Thomas Haver earned numerous training certifications and commendations, including Firearms Instructor and Patrol Rifle; he was also a member of the Mobile Field Unit; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thomas Haver received a Superintendent's Letter of Commendation from New York State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico for his response to a three-story apartment housefire with people trapped inside on August 1, 2010, in the Village of Middleville, Herkimer County; justly recognized as a hero, Haver and a fellow Trooper were responsible for rescuing four people from the burning building and the investigation into this fire led to the arrests of two subjects for felony arson; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Trooper Thomas Haver has distinguished himself by his exemplary and outstanding performance on behalf of the community he so faithfully and courageously served; 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 congratulate Trooper Thomas Haver upon the occasion of his retirement, 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 New York State Trooper Thomas Haver.