

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Rick Short, Corporate Associate Vice President of Indium Corporation, upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Rick Short, Corporate Associate Vice President of Indium Corporation, upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Indium Corporation is the leading materials refiner, smelter, manufacturer, and supplier to the global electronics, semiconductor, thin-film, and thermal management markets with five New York State-based facilities located in Utica, Clinton, Rome, and New Hartford; internationally, the company has established itself in China, Germany, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Rick Short commenced his career with the global electronics materials manufacturer as Technical Support Engineer at a time when the company, now boasting a workforce of more than 1,400 team members globally, employed only 69 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the next 40 years, Rick Short attained management positions with technical support and inorganic compounds manufacturing programs as well as the corporation's international sales, establishing the first manufacturing facility outside of the United States (Singapore); and

WHEREAS, Rick Short fulfilled his role as Corporate Programs Manager prior to assuming leadership of the Corporate Marketing Department; while serving in that capacity, he developed an award-winning international program that exhibited the company's innovative products and services; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Rick Short was among the world's first marketers to utilize the internet to appeal to certain consumers; he has been featured in marketing textbooks for his impressive work; recently, other commendable contributions are his leadership and cultivation of Indium Corporation's Environmental Health and Safety Team; and

WHEREAS, In his personal life, Rick Short is a significant part of the Mohawk Valley non-profit community, particularly in advocacy for its youth; additionally, he serves on the Advisory Board, Membership Selection Committee, and Mentor Committee for the Young Scholars Program

at Utica University; he is also the Director of the Midtown Utica Community Center, an advisor for the Utica Somali Bantu Community, and advisor and mentor for OHM BOCES P-TECH; he is also involved with the Community Foundation Comhill Project; and

WHEREAS, Rick Short has dedicated his illustrious profession to his customers, exemplifying outstanding leadership, compassion, and stewardship; his fellow employees commend him for his inspiration, determination, and guidance; he is well known as the epitome of the Indium Way: Respect, Appreciation, and Achievement; 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; and

WHEREAS, Rare, indeed, is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength and commitment as that demonstrated by Rick Short over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Rick Short, Corporate Associate Vice President of Indium Corporation, upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service, 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 Rick Short.