

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Albert P. Santacroce upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of 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 Albert P. Santacroce, upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Air Force Research Laboratory, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Albert P. Santacroce, of Utica, New York, has a long, distinguished service career as a civil service employee with the United States Air Force, Integrated Planning Division, Information Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Air Force Materiel Command, Rome Operating Location, Rome, New York, from October 10, 1989, to September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, During his 36-year tenure and exemplary service with the Air Force Research Laboratory, Albert P. Santacroce has performed his duties with loyalty, honor, and distinction; he has documented the visits of the VIPs of the AFRL, utilizing his vast knowledge of the camera and proudly ensuring the visual documentation of the visits; and

WHEREAS, From 1989 to 2025, Albert P. Santacroce has been the quiet chronicler of innovation, working behind the camera lens to preserve every moment of scientific discovery, advancement, and achievement with accuracy, creativity, and reverence; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of three decades, Albert P. Santacroce became an integral figure in preserving the evolving identity of the Information Directorate and AFRL, visually archiving thousands of critical events, technical milestones, and personnel accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The photographic and print work produced by Albert P. Santacroce has consistently exceeded professional standards and has been instrumental in reinforcing the AFRL's mission, values, and enduring legacy; and

WHEREAS, Albert P. Santacroce has served as both an artist and historian, ensuring the United States Air Force's innovations in information technology, cyber systems, and intelligence research were captured with precision and clarity, often under challenging conditions, tight deadlines, or classified constraints; and

WHEREAS, Albert P. Santacroce's imagery has been used in national-level presentations, publications, technical journals, recruitment campaigns, and strategic communication initiatives; the ability to translate complex science and engineering into compelling visual narratives contributed significantly to internal morale and external awareness of the AFRL's contributions to national security; and

WHEREAS, Beyond technical mastery, Albert P. Santacroce has been a mentor and collaborator, supporting fellow communicators, public affairs professionals, and scientists with professionalism, humility, and an unwavering commitment to excellence; he has exemplified the core values of the United States Air Force, which are "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do," with a body of work that speaks to decades of loyalty, artistry, and mission-first dedication; and

WHEREAS, As Albert P. Santacroce concludes an extraordinary 36-year career, the enduring impact of his service is evidenced not only in photographs but also in the institutional memory of the Air Force Research Laboratory itself; he has given a lifetime of service that has enriched the legacy of the AFRL, empowered its mission, and preserved its proud history for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Albert P. Santacroce has earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his colleagues; his distinctive accomplishments culminate a long, distinguished career with the United States Air Force and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Albert P. Santacroce upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Albert P. Santacroce.