

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Paul Hans upon the occasion of his retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; 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; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body- is justly proud to honor Paul Hans upon the occasion of his retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Paul Hans joined the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office and remained in this capacity until 2011; his 26 year career in law enforcement is both extensive and impressive; and

WHEREAS, A 1964 graduate of Burgard Vocational High School, Paul Hans went on to attend the New York State Police Academy, from which he graduated in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Paul Hans became a New York State Trooper and that same year he was a Firearms instructor, a 270 rifleman, and was assigned to the SWAT team to provide security for Olympic athletes at the 1980 Olympic Games at Lake Placid, New York; in addition, he attended FBI Academy, was assigned to the New York City Emergency Service Unit, and conducted hostage negotiations; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Paul Hans joined the Bureau of Criminal Investigations Division with the State Police in Ferndale, New York, and remained in that capacity for the next seven years; during which time he investigated a full range of crimes from forgeries to homicides; in addition, he participated in seminars in both child abuse and homicide, as well as attended arson cause and determination school; and

WHEREAS, From 1985 to 1995, Paul Hans worked with the Narcotics Unit with the State Police in Middletown, New York; during which time he attended New York State Police basic narcotic school, and in service narcotic school at New York State Police Academy; he also attended two Drug Enforcement Agency seminars and training in sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Narcotics Unit, Paul Hans' duties included working undercover as well as supervising other members of narcotic unit during undercover investigations; he was responsible for the setup and use of sophisticated surveillance equipment including wire taps, video equipment, body wire transmitters and receivers; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hans has been called to testify before the grand jury as well as in the county court, and has worked with local police departments in Sullivan, Orange, Ulster, Rockland and, Greene Counties; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hans has been the recipient of numerous Superintendent's Commendations and Troop Commanders Commendations as well as letters of appreciation from the District Attorney's Office and local police departments; and

WHEREAS, A member of several organizations including Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Liberty Lodge and the New York State Police Investigators Association, Paul Hans also spent six years with the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Donna, who feels

privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 honor Paul Hans upon the occasion of his retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Hans, 23 Cornelia Lane, Grahamsville, NY 12740.