

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring E. Michael Kavanagh upon the occasion of receiving a Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Lifetime Achievement Award on May 5, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor E. Michael Kavanagh upon the occasion of receiving a Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Lifetime Achievement Award at its Law Enforcement Awards Banquet to be held at the Diamond Mills Hotel in Saugerties, New York, on Sunday, May 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, E. Michael Kavanagh was born on September 26, 1943, in Lawrence, New York; he graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts and earned his law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 1968 and, upon graduation, he became an Associate at Munley & Meade, in Great Neck, New York, followed by service in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, He served as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County for four years, as Chief Assistant District Attorney in Ulster County through 1978, and then as Ulster County District Attorney until 1998, having been reelected five times; and

WHEREAS, During his 20 year tenure with the Ulster County District Attorney's Office, E. Michael Kavanagh prosecuted several high-profile cases which obtained convictions of mob chiefs, an ousted Teamsters official, and a reputed underworld enforcer; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, E. Michael Kavanagh successfully tried many noteworthy cases including a case against cop killer Gary McGivern who, after the 1968 homicide, had been unsuccessfully tried two times prior to this case, and the first capital murder trial in New York State since the reinstatement of the death penalty; and

WHEREAS, From 1979 to 1984, E. Michael Kavanagh was an Adjunct Professor at the State University of New York in New Paltz; in 1986, he ran unsuccessfully on the Republican ticket for Lieutenant Governor of New York; and

WHEREAS, E. Michael Kavanagh was elected to the New York State Supreme Court, 3rd Judicial District, in 1998; in 2006, he was appointed to the Appellate Division, First Department, where he remained until 2008, when he was appointed to the Appellate Division, Third Department; and

WHEREAS, Justice Kavanagh has also served as a member of the New York State Litigation Coordinating Panel, the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, the New York State District Jury Advisory Committee of the New York State Bar Association, and the Unified Court System's Drug Court Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that 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 E. Michael Kavanagh upon the occasion of receiving a Police

Chief's Association of Ulster County's Lifetime Achievement Award on May 5, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Justice E. Michael Kavanagh.