LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Joseph C. Teresi upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as New York State Supreme Court Justice of the Third Judicial District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed individuals whose lives have been committed to the pursuit of excellence and who bring great pride to the citizens of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Joseph C. Teresi upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as New York State Supreme Court Justice of the Third Judicial District, to be celebrated with a Retirement Party in his honor on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at Martel's Restaurant, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Delmar, Justice Joseph C. Teresi, 67, will retire in June of 2014, after more than 20 years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Justice Joseph C. Teresi graduated from the Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York; he continued his education and graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Accounting from Boston College in 1968; he earned his Doctor of Law degree from Albany Law School in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Since January 1, 1994, Justice Joseph C. Teresi has served as New York State Supreme Court Justice of the Third Judicial District with civil and criminal cases as well as trial assignments in the Fourth Judicial District of Saratoga, Warren and Essex Counties, and the Ninth Judicial District of Westchester, Rockland, New York and Bronx Counties; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his role in this esteemed position, Justice Joseph C. Teresi served as an Associate and Partner with Ainsworth, Sullivan, Tracy, Knauf, Warner and Ruslander, as well as Assistant Public Defender for Albany County; during this time he worked as a trial attorney with emphasis on defense litigation in torts, products liability, malpractice, civil rights violations and industrial accidents; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his judicial post, Justice Joseph C. Teresi has devoted countless hours to civic and community activities, including the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and Capital District Trial Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Justice Joseph C. Teresi served for one year as the Chairperson of Task Force to Reducing Litigation Costs and Delays for the Third Judicial District; he was a member and President of the Inn of Court at Albany Law School from 1998 until 2003, and served as Judge at the Moot Court Competitions at Albany Law School from 1990 until June of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Justice Joseph C. Teresi is currently a Lecturer at Albany Law School, Clinical Legal Studies; Albany Bar Association, Bridge the Gap Program; New York State Bar Association on Evidence, Medical Malpractice, Discovery; Albany Insurance Claims Association; New York State Police, NYS Magistrates Association Training Programs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he also currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Francis Bergan Law Library at Albany County Courthouse, a position he has held since 1999; and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Justice Joseph C. Teresi was designated as the 2001 Distinguished Alumnus by Albany Law School, and received the Golden Lion Award in 2000 from the

Albany Order Sons of Italy; he was also designated as the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus by the Bishop Maginn Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 41 years, Mary, and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Justice Joseph C. Teresi over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and commend The Honorable Joseph C. Teresi upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Joseph C. Teresi.