LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deputy Inspector Raymond Festino upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to the New York City Police Department on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deputy Inspector Raymond Festino upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to the New York City Police Department, to be celebrated at a Farewell Party on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Bay Ridge Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, Raymond Festino earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York (SUNY), and a Master's degree in Human Resources Training and Development from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1995, Raymond Festino joined the New York City Police Department (NYPD), beginning his illustrious career on patrol in both the 1st and 9th Precincts in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Raymond Festino was promoted to Detective Third Grade in September of 1999, Sergeant in August of 2000, Lieutenant in December of 2003 and Captain in July of 2010; and

WHEREAS, From April of 2014 through March of 2016, Captain Raymond Festino served as Commanding Officer of the 68th Police Precinct; and

WHEREAS, Captain Raymond Festino was then promoted to the esteemed rank of Deputy Inspector; as the new Commanding Officer of Brooklyn South's Detective Operations, he brings a wealth of experience to this role; in addition to his service with the 1st and 9th Precinct, he has served in the 77th, 81st, 62nd, and 67th Precincts, as well as in the Narcotics Division, Patrol Borough Brooklyn North Street Crime Unit and Patrol Borough Manhattan North; and

WHEREAS, This devoted public servant also held the position of Commanding Officer of the 67th Precinct Detective Squad, Manhattan North Specialty Units, and the Brooklyn/Queens Firearms Investigation Unit; in this capacity, he was instrumental in running the largest illegal gun trafficking case in NYPD history; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his profession and community, Deputy Inspector Raymond Festino has been the recipient of more than 100 Departmental medals; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 15 years, Antoinette, and his daughter, Gianna, both of whom feel 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 Deputy Inspector Raymond Festino upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to the New York City Police Department on June 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Inspector Raymond Festino.