

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

HONORING Detective Cathy Onions upon the occasion of her retirement after nearly 38 years of distinguished service to the Amherst Police Department

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 Detective Cathy Onions upon the occasion of her retirement after nearly 38 years of distinguished service to the Amherst Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Onions began her illustrious career in law enforcement in 1980, as the department's first female police officer; and

WHEREAS, After 15 years as a patrol officer, Cathy Onions worked for 12 years in the Family Offense Unit, helping provide justice to domestic violence victims and their families; during this time, she initiated support groups and created a food pantry for people in need; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman then became a Safety Education Officer while she worked to earn a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, In the safety education role, Cathy Onions served as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) instructor for all of the town's schools; additionally, she led the department's annual Youth Police Academy, an internship which allows teenagers the opportunity to learn about law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Onions was promoted to Detective in 2013, the esteemed position from which she officially retired on Wednesday, May 16, 2018; 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 Detective Cathy Onions upon the occasion of her retirement after

nearly 38 years of distinguished service to the Amherst Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Detective Cathy Onions.