

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**CONGRATULATING** F. Anthony Keating upon the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army of New York, North

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate F. Anthony Keating upon the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army of New York, North; and

**WHEREAS,** Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; F. Anthony Keating is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1995, Major General David C. Meade, Commander of the 10th Mountain Division, nominated F. Anthony Keating to serve as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) of New York, North; and

**WHEREAS,** F. Anthony Keating was appointed to this esteemed position by then Secretary of the Army Togo D. West; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, F. Anthony Keating was responsible for promoting good relations between the Army and the public, advising the United States Secretary of the Army on regional issues and representing the Secretary of the Army; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his fellow veterans, F. Anthony Keating worked tirelessly in this volunteer position, advocating for soldiers, attending ceremonies and other events on behalf of the Secretary of the Army, and helping to support soldiers and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to his 12 terms of dedicated service as a CASA, F. Anthony Keating worked as the leader of the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization where he was instrumental in its tremendous growth; and

**WHEREAS,** A 1966 graduate of the ROTC program at Notre Dame University, F. Anthony Keating proudly served his country for nine years as a member of the United States Army; during this time, he spent one year defending his Nation during the Vietnam War at the Port of Saigon and in Cat Lai, where he worked in an armory; and

**WHEREAS,** F. Anthony Keating possesses a passion for supporting members of our military that is unmatched and as such, has made a tremendous, positive difference through his role as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army of New York, North; and

**WHEREAS,** Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, F. Anthony Keating will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which F. Anthony Keating has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense 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 congratulate F. Anthony Keating upon the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army of New York, North; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to F. Anthony Keating.