

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**CONGRATULATING** Detective John Fern upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Chenango County Sheriff's 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 congratulate Detective John Fern upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Chenango County Sheriff's Department; in honor of this momentous occasion, he was presented with a shadow box containing the uniform of the Chenango County Sheriff's Office, and a flag was flown on his last day of service; and

**WHEREAS,** A military and reserve veteran, John Fern began his long and distinguished career in law enforcement in 2001, when he joined the Chenango County Sheriff's Department; due to the quality of his work as a deputy, he was promoted to the title of Detective five years later; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Detective John Fern served as a narcotic investigator, undercover officer, sexual abuse investigator, welfare fraud investigator, and was a crucial part of major crimes investigations including numerous homicide investigations, all leading to convictions; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his work with the Sheriff's Department, Detective John Fern spent most of those years as an active member of the Police Union known as the CCLEA and has been President of the Union for the majority of his career; and

**WHEREAS,** Detective John Fern was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the citizens of Chenango County including 10 special recognition awards, four commendations for going above and beyond the call of duty, 15 letters of appreciation, three letters of appreciation from outside agencies including the State of Texas, and the 2016 Benenati Award; he was also named the 2003 Deputy of the Year and Deputy of the Month twice; 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 congratulate Detective John Fern upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Chenango County Sheriff's Department, 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 Detective John Fern.