Senate Resolution No. 1813

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Tony Cerreto upon the occasion of his retirement as Village Attorney after 28 years of distinguished service to the Village of Port Chester

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony "Tony" Marcus Cerreto upon the occasion of his retirement as Village Attorney after 28 years of distinguished service to the Village of Port Chester; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at a retirement party at T&J's Restaurant in Port Chester, New York on Thursday, February 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, For the past 28 years, Tony rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the Village of Port Chester; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Village Attorney, Tony served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Tony was born on June 4, 1957, in Willimantic, Connecticut, the oldest of the two children of Vincent and Frances Cerreto; and

WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate, cum laude, of the University of Connecticut, Storrs, majoring in political science, Tony interned with the Connecticut State Legislature and was a political reporter for the **Connecticut Daily Campus**; he was a resident of the Intentional Democratic Community (IDC), a self-governing dormitory at the college; and

WHEREAS, Tony was a 1984 graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Massachusetts; he was the co-recipient of the Best Brief for the First Year Moot Court Competition and awarded an American Jurisprudence Book Prize; he served as a law clerk for the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries and the Town Attorney of the Town of Windham, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from law school, Tony first worked from 1984 to 1985 as an Associate Attorney for the law firm of Asselin & Associates, practicing in personal injury and workers compensation law in Boston; and

WHEREAS, Tony then relocated to New York and worked from 1985 to 1988 as an Associate Attorney for the law firm Hoffman, Silverberg, Wachtell & Koster in White Plains, New York, practicing in workers compensation, general practice, and municipal law; the firm served as Town Attorney to the Town of Mamaroneck; he would assist the partners who were counsel to the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of

Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Working for the City of Mount Vernon from 1988 to 1995, Tony served as Assistant Corporation Counsel practicing in all areas of municipal law; originally appointed Fourth Assistant Corporation Counsel, he was successively promoted to First Assistant Corporation Counsel in the deputy position; and

WHEREAS, Since August 1995, Tony has been employed as the Village Attorney for the Village of Port Chester, New York, continuing his practice in all areas of municipal law; during this time, he has also served as Assistant Village Manager and Administrative Director of the Port Chester Industrial Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Tony held the position of Special Zoning Counsel for the Town of Carmel, New York; in 2010, he received a Master of Public Administration degree; and

WHEREAS, In all his official acts, Tony was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Into his retirement, Tony will remain busy gardening, building an HO model railroad layout, getting his amateur radio license, singing and playing guitar, hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, avidly reading, and exploring a certificate or degree program in a long-distance learning format; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Veronica Gardner, son, Jeffrey, and daughters, Katerina and Arianna, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his plentiful achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Village of Port Chester, Tony earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony "Tony" Marcus Cerreto upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service to the Village of Port Chester; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Marcus Cerreto.