

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Investigator Mark VanNamee upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office after 25 years of highly decorated service

**WHEREAS,** Law enforcement officers from the State of New York put their lives on the line day in and day out for the citizens of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers 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, deserve the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Mark VanNamee is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Investigator Mark VanNamee upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office after 25 years of highly decorated service; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his illustrious career in law enforcement, Investigator Mark VanNamee was the recipient of numerous awards and commendations including the Good Conduct Award (5 times), Presidential Detail Citation, Exceptional Service (2 times), Ready Commendation, Gallantry Star, Grand Cordon (12 times), Promotion of Grade, Meritorious Service, Honorable Service, Letters of Commendation (3 times), and numerous letters of appreciation; and

**WHEREAS,** For 25 years, Mark VanNamee rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

**WHEREAS,** Investigator Mark VanNamee, with his proficient leadership and love for the Oneida County, truly epitomized the roll of a community police officer; he tirelessly and selflessly served the residents of his beloved community with compassion, integrity, and fairness, attributes which will forever serve as an example for his fellow officers; and

**WHEREAS,** The great State of New York is fortunate to have brave public servants like Investigator Mark VanNamee who risk their lives in the line of duty each day to protect the residents of our communities; no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who are willing to put service over self; 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 Investigator Mark VanNamee upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Investigator Mark VanNamee.