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On behalf of the Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice Department, I would like to offer the following resolution in honor of Dr. Victoria DeRosia on her retirement from Castleton University after 27 years of committed service;

\*Whereas Victoria DeRosia began her interest in criminal justice as a Criminal Justice/sociology major who earned a BA from Castleton State College in the 1970s, went on to earn an MA in Criminology from Bowling Green State University, and completed her PhD in Criminal Justice from the State University at Albany;

\* Whereas Dr. Victoria DeRosia, a full Professor in the Criminal Justice Program, taught numerous classes in both the Criminal Justice and Sociology curriculum for 27 years while at Castleton, as well as introducing several new courses into the Criminal Justice curriculum, including The Death Penalty, Crime Prevention, Community & Restorative Justice, Criminal Justice Internship & Seminar, and Special Victim/Offender Populations, thereby enhancing our Program's elective offerings;

\* Whereas Dr. DeRosia has also served Castleton in an exemplary fashion beyond the classroom, serving for many years on the Faculty Assembly's Admissions & Retention Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. DeRosia also served as co-writer of Standard 9: Integrity, Transparency, and Public Disclosure portion for one of the university's NEASC reports. Dr DeRosia has also served our department as Chairperson from 2004 - 2007, as well as serving as Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program for a number of years, where she worked tireless hours collecting and compiling student and alumni data and serving as the chief writer of the Criminal Justice Program's periodic VSC Policy 101 and PreCip reviews;

\* Whereas Dr. DeRosia introduced innovative learning opportunities for students, including service learning in her corrections class, mock oral boards for her senior students, and sponsorship of a Community Crime Prevention day attended by members of both the campus and the greater Castleton community;

\* Whereas although students often complain about the level of work and detail Dr. DeRosia expects of students in CRJ 3020 Criminal Justice Administration class, yet when the class ends, both current students and former students regularly comment on how proud they are of what they accomplished in the



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class and how the lessons learned in the class proved directly relevant to their work lives;

\* Whereas Dr. DeRosia has faithfully worked to challenge her students and convey to them the importance of hard work, setting priorities, commitment, and integrity in pursuit of *both* academic mastery and achieving their career ambitions, the students, the Criminal Justice Program, the Department, and Castleton University owe her a debt of gratitude; and

\* Whereas both colleagues and students will miss her, now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Faculty Assembly of Castleton University herewith, on May 1, 2018 recognize and honor, upon her retirement, Dr. Victoria DeRosia for her twenty-seven years of dedicated service, and we wish her health and happiness as she begins the next chapter of her life.