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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending William McDowell upon the occasion of being honored at the 5th Annual Rockland County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Recognition Awards Ceremony

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to individuals who devote their purposeful lives to serving others, expressing its highest regard and admiration for their skill and courageous dedication to protecting and caring for the residents of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend William McDowell upon the occasion of being honored by the Nyack Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps as its Outstanding Member of the Year at Rockland County's 5th Annual EMS Recognition Awards Ceremony; and WHEREAS, The ceremony, the highlight of Rockland County's observation of Emergency Medical Services Week 2009, was held in Pomona, New York, on May 13, 2009 to recognize the excellence of the county's EMS personnel, both professional and volunteer, and the invaluable role they play in the lives of the citizens of Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services personnel and team members are a vital part of the safety net of America's healthcare system, providing lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to individuals, such as William McDowell, who accept that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and make that responsibility their own, and is pleased to have the opportunity to recognize the sacrifices and contributions they make to the welfare and safety of their neighbors and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments richly merit the appreciation and support of a grateful community and should be celebrated and recognized, as well, 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

commend William McDowell upon the occasion of being honored by the Nyack Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps as its Outstanding Member of the Year at Rockland County's 5th Annual EMS Recognition Awards Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William McDowell.