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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael and Stacy Behan for their bravery and compassion at a car crash in Red Hook, New York on April 26, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, helping others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael and Stacy Behan for their bravery and compassion at a car crash in Red Hook, New York on April 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A stay-at-home mom, Stacy Behan was awake and getting her son a glass of water early Sunday morning, when she heard a screeching noise and a loud thud from nearby Route 9G; and

WHEREAS, While her husband, Michael, called 911, Stacy Behan rushed out the door and raced to an overturned Ford Taurus that was rapidly becoming engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, Inside the car, Stacy Behan discovered an unconscious male who was breathing heavily and still wearing his seatbelt; without any thought for her own safety, she reached inside the car, unbuckled the seatbelt and then pulled the much larger man out; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kevin Van Wagner arrived on the scene and helped Michael Behan carry the victim a safe distance from the burning vehicle as the fire was extinguished by members of the Tivoli Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Medical assistance was provided on scene by the Northern Dutchess Paramedics; the victim was then transferred to a helicopter and airlifted to Westchester Medical Center, where he was stabilized; and

WHEREAS, Through their spontaneous and heroic actions, Michael and Stacy Behan demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Michael and Stacy Behan and to wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael and Stacy Behan for their bravery and compassion at a car crash in Red Hook, New York on April 26, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael and Stacy Behan.