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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kingston Police Department Officers Tiffanie Downey, Eduardo Alvarez, and Paul Herrling upon the occasion of receiving the Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Meritorious Police Service Award on May 8, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens 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, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kingston Police Department Officers Tiffanie Downey, Eduardo Alvarez, and Paul Herrling upon the occasion of receiving the Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Meritorious Police Service Award at its Law Enforcement Awards Banquet to be held at the Hillside Manor in Kingston, New York, on Friday, May 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, On November 28, 2008, Officers Tiffanie Downey and Eduardo Alvarez were dispatched to a reported gunshot victim in the City of Kingston; upon arrival, they were immediately directed towards an area near the initial call; and

WHEREAS, Officers Tiffanie Downey and Eduardo Alvarez were immediately confronted with two subjects attempting to flee the area on foot; a chase ensued and one of the subjects reached into his waistband as if he were challenging the officers; and

WHEREAS, After the officers lost visual contact with the individual, Officer Paul Herrling, who had responded to assist, immediately picked up the chase and located a subject who was ultimately determined to be the subject they sought and was apprehended; and

WHEREAS, The search of the area where the subject turned toward the officers, revealed a loaded Tech 9mm weapon that had been discarded in a

backyard of an occupied residence during the chase; the resulting arrest and closure of the case was a direct result of the officers' actions, and a well-coordinated search for persons and evidence; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ulster Police Department, the Ulster County Sherriff's Office, and the New York State Police also assisted in the investigation; the quick thinking and quick acting of all involved led to the successful conclusion of what could have been a tragic circumstance; 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 honor Kingston Police Department Officers Tiffanie Downey, Eduardo Alvarez, and Paul Herrling upon the occasion of receiving the Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Meritorious Police Service Award on May 8, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kingston Police Department Officers Tiffanie Downey, Eduardo Alvarez, and Paul Herrling.