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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Roberto Malatesta upon the occasion of receiving the Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Meritorious Citizenship - Heroism Award on May 8, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations while in the course of their job duties, 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 Roberto Malatesta upon the occasion of receiving the Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Meritorious Citizenship - Heroism 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 4, 2008, Ulster County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Bruck became embroiled in a life threatening physical altercation with an intoxicated subject following a traffic stop on Route 208 in the Town of Shawangunk; and

WHEREAS, As three males and one female from a nearby residence interjected themselves on the side of the vehicle operator and approached Deputy Jason Bruck during the traffic stop, the male operator attacked the deputy, forcing him to the ground, fighting for his life; and

WHEREAS, While this was going on, Roberto Malatesta, a local businessman and volunteer fireman in the Town of Shawangunk who had heard the call for assistance on his scanner, stepped in to help Deputy Jason Bruck; and

WHEREAS, When Deputy Jason Bruck went to the ground with the vehicle operator, one of the three males attempted to assault the peace officer; despite great personal risk to himself, Roberto Malatesta stepped in and physically prevented the second subject or any of the others from joining in the fight; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Roberto Malatesta jumping in and preventing a grossly uneven situation, Deputy Jason Bruck was able to subdue the

first subject and take him into custody; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Roberto Malatesta demonstrated his 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 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Roberto Malatesta upon the occasion of receiving the Police Chief's Association of Ulster County's Meritorious Citizenship - Heroism Award on May 8, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roberto Malatesta.