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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the heroic actions of Tina Mickel, Tremayne Jones and Sabrina Robertson on coming to the aid of two victims trapped inside an apartment fire on Monday, May 17, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the heroic actions of Tina Mickel, Tremayne Jones and Sabrina Robertson on coming to the aid of two victims trapped inside an apartment fire on Monday, May 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Tina Mickel, a resident of the Kenfield/Langfield Homes on Buffalo's East Side, realized a neighbor could be in trouble when she heard an alarm sounding nearby; she and another neighbor went to Apartment 468 and found smoke coming out of the mail slot and window frames; and

WHEREAS, Tina Mickel immediately tried to open the door but found it was locked; instantaneously, Tremayne Jones, who also noticed the fire, was trying to break through the windows; while he was never able to fully break through, he did release some of the blistering heat from the apartment; and

WHEREAS, While Tina Mickel and Tremayne Jones tried to get into the apartment, Sabrina Robertson ran as fast as she could to the manager's office, where she retrieved keys for the apartment; and

WHEREAS, Upon her return, these three extraordinarily brave individuals worked to get the door open, but they were met with resistance because both of the victims were on the floor just inside the doorway;

and

WHEREAS, Determined, they forced the door open, and Tina Mickel and Tremayne Jones crawled in and grabbed the woman; once out the door, they passed her to Sabrina Robertson and other neighbors who brought her to safety; and

WHEREAS, Without concern for their own safety, Tina and Tremayne again crawled back into the burning apartment and rescued the second victim; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the courageous actions of Tina Mickel, Tremayne Jones and Sabrina Robertson, both victims were brought outside to safety, where firefighters were able to provide emergency care; and

WHEREAS, Tina Mickel, Tremayne Jones and Sabrina Robertson are truly shining examples of the best of what humanity has to offer; through their spontaneous and heroic actions, they demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their actions, 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the heroic actions of Tina Mickel, Tremayne Jones and Sabrina Robertson on coming to the aid of two victims trapped inside an apartment fire on Monday, May 17, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tina Mickel, Tremayne Jones and Sabrina Robertson.