

## 2009-K1435

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sergeant Thomas Mulhern upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his heroic action in assisting Tonya Wilkinson in an emergency situation on February 9, 2009

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 in an effort to prevent serious injury or the loss of 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 commend Sergeant Thomas Mulhern upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his heroic action in assisting Tonya Wilkinson in an emergency situation on February 9, 2009; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at a ceremony to take place at the employee memorial located in the front of the New York State Department of Correctional Services Training Academy at 1134 New Scotland Road in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2009, Cayuga Correctional Facility Sergeant Thomas Mulhern came upon a serious motor vehicle accident in which nine months pregnant Tonya Wilkinson was trapped upside down inside her overturned minivan in the middle of Tollgate Hill Road in the Cayuga County Town of Locke, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the darkness of the early morning, as Sergeant Thomas Mulhern exited his own vehicle he noticed a tractor trailer rapidly approaching from the opposite direction; he nevertheless courageously proceeded to immediately extricate the pregnant Tonya Wilkinson from her minivan; and

WHEREAS, After Tonya Wilkinson was safely transported by Sergeant Thomas Mulhern back to his vehicle, her minivan was struck by a pickup truck that was unable to avoid the previous accident; and

WHEREAS, The heroic and skillful emergency actions of Cayuga Correctional Facility Sergeant Thomas Mulhern prevented a much more serious accident which could have resulted in serious injury or death to Tonya Wilkinson; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sergeant Thomas Mulhern's actions enabled Tonya Wilkinson to give birth to a healthy baby boy the following day; and  
WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the State of New York who engage in emergency assistance efforts with diligence and precision, resulting in heroic actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sergeant Thomas Mulhern upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his heroic action in assisting Tonya Wilkinson in an emergency situation on February 9, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergeant Thomas Mulhern.