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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the members of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail upon the occasion of the detail's designation as the recipient of this year's Unit Citation Award at the 34th Annual New York State Police Awards Day Ceremony on May 20, 2010

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is moved to honor those who preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the members of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail upon the occasion of the detail's designation as the recipient of this year's Unit Citation Award at the 34th Annual State Police Awards Day Ceremony, held at the New York State Police Academy in Albany on Thursday, May 20, 2010; and WHEREAS, The Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail has operated on a parttime basis since 2002 and full-time since April 2008 at which time the Operation became a detail to which 10 members were assigned on a permanent basis; continually from that time alterations have been made to members' schedules, often changing pass days and times of shift; and WHEREAS, Most work days are afternoon/evening and on weekends and, for designated periods during the summer, totaling 12 weeks, Uniform Troopers and/or Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies are teamed with officers of the Rochester Police Department; the remaining 40 weeks, Uniform Members work separately utilizing the latest information concerning crime trends from the Monroe County Analysis Center (MCAC); and WHEREAS, The presence of the members of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail on the streets actively enforcing the Vehicle and Traffic Law (V&T) statutes has led to a decrease in shooting incidents; and WHEREAS, Detail members' participation in the Partners Against Violence Everywhere program of T.I.P.S. (Trust, Information, Programs, and Services) has been well-received by Rochester residents and often receives words of praise and thanks from the Mayor and Police Chief as

well; and

WHEREAS, The troopers on this detail train and work with members of the Rochester Police Department Tactical Unit during joint details, and are partnered with other troopers on daily patrols combating violent crime in the most violent sections of the city; and

WHEREAS, The effectiveness of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail is clearly shown by double digit drops in homicides and firearms related violence as a result of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, During 2009, detail members continued their aggressive enforcement in the designated high crime areas and again affected a double digit drop in homicides and firearms related crimes, made numerous large drug seizures, and removed over 20 illegal firearms from the streets; and

WHEREAS, The effectiveness of this detail over the past several years is clearly evident by not only the drop in the crime rate, but is also seen on the streets and street corners where the open air drug markets used to be, but are now quiet; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, detail members made 243 felony arrests, 880 misdemeanor arrests, 591 drug interdiction arrests, 93 DWI arrests, and 5,820 Vehicle and Traffic Law arrests; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, the members of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail have distinguished themselves by their exemplary achievement and outstanding

performance on behalf of the community they so faithfully and courageously serve; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as the members of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail, who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy of the full praise of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the members of the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail upon the occasion of the detail's designation as the recipient of this year's Unit Citation Award at the 34th Annual New York State Police Awards Day Ceremony on May 20, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Troop E Operation IMPACT Detail.