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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Investigator Darryl D. O'Shei upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Investigator Darryl D. O'Shei, of VCIT, Troop A Headquarters in Batavia, upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, A Trooper since April 30, 1997, he received the award in recognition of his outstanding police work 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, On June 6, 1992, the body of John S. Rutledge, with multiple gunshot wounds, was found in a ditch along Sawyer Road in the Town of Carlton, Orleans County; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Police subsequently conducted an extensive investigation, during which numerous interviews were conducted leading to the location of the alleged murder weapon and the identification of Joyce Powell as the primary suspect in the case; unfortunately, with very little substantive information or physical evidence developed, the case eventually went cold; and

WHEREAS, In August 2003, Investigator O'Shei was assigned to continue the investigation into this cold case homicide; over the next six-plus years, he diligently pursued every possible investigative lead, he reinterviewed all the principals in the case, and identified and interviewed many new witnesses; and

WHEREAS, The efforts Investigator O'Shei put forth in his investi-

gation led to the development of new evidentiary information resulting in an Orleans County Grand Jury indictment of Joyce Powell and Shaliq Reed for Murder 2nd Degree; and

WHEREAS, Unlike many cold case homicide investigations, this one was not solved in a laboratory; it was solved with old-fashioned police work, utilization of Investigator O'Shei's exemplary interview skills, and his dedication to his profession; and

WHEREAS, Investigator O'Shei's superlative efforts during this investigation and the high degree of professionalism, determination, and tenacity he demonstrated successfully closed a 17-year-old homicide case; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Investigator Darryl D. O'Shei has distinguished himself by his exemplary achievement and outstanding performance on behalf of the community he so faithfully and courageously serves; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Investigator Darryl D. O'Shei, 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 Investigator Darryl D. O'Shei upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation 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 Investigator Darryl D. O'Shei.