

## 2011-K218

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Skaneateles Police Officer Eric Sharpsteen for his heroic and life saving actions during a house fire in Skaneateles, New York, on February 13, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those individuals who take a prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations and in doing so, help 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 Officer Eric Sharpsteen for his heroic and life saving actions during a house fire in Skaneateles, New York; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, February 13, 2011, Emergency 911 received a call from a male caller reporting a house fire; Officer Eric Sharpsteen arrived on the scene at 75 E. Genesee Street within seconds of hearing the call shortly before 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, After learning that the homeowner Shirley Cavaiole was still inside, Officer Eric Sharpsteen immediately entered the burning building to attempt to rescue her; and

WHEREAS, Despite the dense smoke that filled the home, Officer Eric Sharpsteen was able to locate Shirley Cavaiole who was conscious on the stairs but unable to find her way out; and

WHEREAS, Within four minutes of arriving on the scene, Officer Eric Sharpsteen guided the homeowner out of the building safely, both suffering only minor injuries from smoke inhalation; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Officer Eric Sharpsteen demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others; personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York, who

are readily willing to respond when others are in need of help; now,  
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
honor Officer Eric Sharpsteen for his heroic and life saving actions  
during a house fire in Skaneateles, New York, on February 13, 2011; and  
be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Officer Eric Sharpsteen, Skaneateles, New York.