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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Makeyenko upon the occasion of receiving the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's Medal of Merit on June 14, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, remaining calm under pressure, to come to the assistance of persons in peril; and
WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect these ideals; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas Makeyenko upon the occasion of receiving the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's Medal of Merit on Tuesday, June 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, On October 20, 2010, the operator of a vehicle traveling westbound on Interstate 90 drove off the north shoulder of the roadway and struck a tree; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Makeyenko, a New York State Correction Officer, witnessed the accident and immediately assisted in extracting the driver who was unconscious and trapped inside the burning vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Makeyenko's immediate response and spontaneous actions should be meritoriously praised; equally commendable was his ability to remain calm under pressure, while risking his own life to perform a truly valiant deed; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Thomas Makeyenko demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas Makeyenko upon the occasion of receiving the Department of

Corrections and Community Supervision's Medal of Merit on June 14, 2011;
and be it further

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