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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Koegel in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing an elderly neighbor from a house fire

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the concerned and heroic acts of those citizens who would voluntarily take immediate and appropriate action to protect the health and safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Koegel in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing an elderly neighbor as fire spread through her one-story home; and

WHEREAS, Around four o'clock on the morning of September 23, 2011, David Koegel heard a commotion, so he hurried outside and spotted flames billowing from the home of 79-year-old Kay Oldenburg, who resides next door on Baker Boulevard in the Town of Van Buren; and

WHEREAS, Knowing he had to act quickly, David Koegel ran to Oldenburg's home, broke a bedroom window and entered the house by crawling through the window; and

WHEREAS, Once inside, David Koegel swiftly searched the house until he located Kay Oldenburg in her living room, which was filling up with smoke; and

WHEREAS, That is when David Koegel took hold of Kay Oldenburg and led her to safety; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime resident of Baldwinsville, David Koegel is described by his friends and family as a kind and caring person, who wanted to do the right thing; and

WHEREAS, Because of the selfless actions of David Koegel, along with the rapid response of several local fire departments, Kay Oldenburg's

life was saved; and

WHEREAS, David Koegel has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others; personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without 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 pay tribute to David Koegel in recognition of his heroic actions in saving the life of a potential neighbor; noting the significance of his immediate and unconditional response to come to the aid of others in a life-threatening situation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Koegel.