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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Officer Paul DeSousa of the Westchester County Police Department in recognition of his heroic action in saving a young pedestrian from serious injury

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Officer Paul DeSousa of the Westchester County Police Department in recognition of his heroic action in saving a young pedestrian from serious injury; and

WHEREAS, On January 9, 2015, Officer Paul DeSousa witnessed a 15 year-old boy walking north on the shoulder adjacent to the southbound lanes of the Saw Mill River Parkway; he was afraid the boy would be struck by a car and pulled over to assist him; and

WHEREAS, A 2014 Infiniti lost control and headed straight towards Officer Paul DeSousa and the boy as they stood by the rear passenger door of the patrol car; and

WHEREAS, Responding without hesitation, or concern for his own welfare and safety, Officer Paul DeSousa was able to get the young pedestrian on the hood of the patrol car before the Infiniti struck him and his patrol car; and

WHEREAS, Officer Paul DeSousa was treated for multiple non-life threatening injuries and later released from Jacobi Medical Center; the teen was not injured; and

WHEREAS, A 2005 graduate of Yorktown High School, Officer Paul DeSousa has served the Westchester County Police Department with honor and distinction for one year; in addition, this brave public servant proudly served his country as a member of the United States military during deployments in both Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Officer Paul DeSousa of the Westchester County Police Department in recognition of his heroic action, noting the significance of his immediate and unconditional response to come to the aid of another in a life-threatening situation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Officer Paul DeSousa.