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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Captain David Cotto for his outstanding service with the Civil Air Patrol

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Captain David Cotto has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Captain David Cotto for his outstanding service with the Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force with over 57,000 members nationwide; it performs 90 percent of the continental United States inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

WHEREAS, Captain David Cotto has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since 1982, and currently serves as the Deputy Commander of the Vedder Composite Squadron; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, this esteemed man has been called upon to assist on numerous search and rescue missions, both distressed and non-distressed; he has remained steadfast in his duties to serve others whenever the call has arisen; and

WHEREAS, Captain David Cotto has furthered his skills, knowledge and expertise to achieve the high status of Search and Rescue Training Academy Center Elite Instructor, also known as a SARTAC Black Hat Instructor; and

WHEREAS, As a trainee, graduate, and now SARTAC Black Hat Instructor of the Search and Rescue Training, Academy Center in Long Island,

Captain David Cotto is a highly regarded instructor whose training expertise is most sought after by Civil Air Patrol members across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Captain David Cotto has also had the privilege of training SARTAC's first class of women in the Emergency Services Program and hopes to advance the training program throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Captain David Cotto has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Captain David Cotto for his outstanding service with the Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

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