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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Special Agent John Capano posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor on February 11, 2015

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant officers who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Special Agent John Capano posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Medal of Valor, the nation's highest honor for public safety officers, is awarded annually by the President of the United States to law enforcement officers and firefighters who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent John Capano died heroically on December 31, 2011, during an attempted armed robbery at a pharmacy in Seaford, New York; he is survived by his loving wife, Dorea, and their two children, John and Natalie; and

WHEREAS, During his 24 years of distinguished service to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Special Agent John Capano served as a Certified Explosives Specialist, often sharing his expertise by training state and local law enforcement officers, as well

as international partners; and

WHEREAS, In 2008 and 2010, Special Agent John Capano honorably served the United States in the War on Terrorism in both Iraq and Afghanistan; he earned the ATF Foreign Service Medal for his exceptional work in these two countries; and

WHEREAS, Throughout an extraordinary career in public safety, Special Agent John Capano exemplified courage, honor, bravery and selflessness; he is the first ATF Agent to receive the prestigious Medal of Valor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Special Agent John Capano displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of courageous individuals who dedicated their purposeful lives and careers to serve and protect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life of Special Agent John Capano, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Special Agent John Capano.