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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peekskill Police Officers Doug LaPerche and John Kolesar

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

WHEREAS, Peekskill Police Officers Doug LaPerche and John Kolesar are being heralded after saving the life of a 28-year-old woman who was found unresponsive in a snow bank on March 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, After being dispatched to the call on Dykman Street, the officers found a woman performing CPR on an unconscious female who was not breathing; and

WHEREAS, Officer LaPerche recognized the woman's symptoms were consistent with an opiate overdose and administered Naloxone while Officer Kolesar interviewed witnesses; and

WHEREAS, Once the Naloxone was administered, the woman immediately began to respond and breathe on her own; Peekskill EMS arrived shortly after and transported her to Hudson Valley Hospital for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, is known to reverse the effects of an overdose of opiates such as heroin; members of the Peekskill Police Department had just completed training in its use on March 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The quick thinking and prompt actions of Officers LaPerche and Kolesar are a tremendous inspiration to their fellow officers, and the State of New York is proud to recognize their exemplary service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peekskill Police Officers Doug LaPerche and John Kolesar; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Officers Doug LaPerche and John Kolesar.