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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION Honoring P.J. Male for his heroic actions

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, P.J. Male, an employee of the Peekskill Parks and Recreation Department, rescued a young girl on Depew Lake; and

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of April 1, 2015, a Parks and Recreation Supervisor ran into the office and asked P.J. to call 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, P.J. Male looked out at Depew Lake and saw a nine-year-old girl screaming for help and hanging onto a small piece of ice; her small dog was running around nearby; and

WHEREAS, It was later learned that the girl's dog had broken loose during a walk and wandered onto the dangerous lake; and

WHEREAS, Acting on instinct and afraid the girl could not swim, or would not be able to break the ice if she went under, P.J. immediately ran out to help her; and

WHEREAS, P.J., unconcerned with his own heart trouble and diabetes, trudged through the murky, 33-degree water and swam 25-30 yards to the girl; and

WHEREAS, He put the girl and her dog on his back and swam them back to safety; and

WHEREAS, The young girl and P.J. were both transported to New York Presbyterian-Hudson Valley Hospital; the girl was released in two hours, and P.J. was released in four hours; and

WHEREAS, P.J. Male is a 12-year veteran employee for the City of Peekskill; and

WHEREAS, He resides in Putnam Valley where he umpires men's softball games; he is a former Junior Varsity football coach at Walter Panas High

School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor P.J. Male upon his heroic efforts in saving a young girl's life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to P.J. Male.