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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Cadet Major Samael O'Brien upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Amelia Earhart Award and the General Ira C. Eaker Award by 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cadet Major Samael O'Brien upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Amelia Earhart Award and the General Ira C. Eaker Award by 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 continental United States inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

WHEREAS, The Amelia Earhart Award is the second milestone of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and is earned after the receipt of the General Billy Mitchell Award and the completion of the first eleven achievements of the Program; and

WHEREAS, The General Ira C. Eaker Award is one of the Civil Air Patrol's most prized honors and is presented to cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and Aerospace Education; it marks the successful completion of all 16 achievements in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Major Samael O'Brien through his diligence and rigorous efforts has completed the highest level of achievement in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Major Samael O'Brien joined the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program in 2011 and currently serves as the Cadet Commander of the Vedder Composite Squadron; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Major Samael O'Brien has achieved the esteemed honor of being one of the elite Black Hat Instructors at the New York Wing Search and Rescue Training Academy in Long Island; in addition, he serves on the New York Wing Cadet Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Major Samael O'Brien's perseverance in rising through the ranks of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishments have enabled him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cadet Major Samael O'Brien upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Amelia Earhart Award and the General Ira C. Eaker Award by the Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cadet Major Samael O'Brien.