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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Brummer Award by the New York State Police

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devote their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Brummer Award by the New York State Police, to be celebrated at the 39th Annual Awards Day Ceremony on Monday, May 11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano has proudly served as a member of the New York State Police since 2004, and is currently assigned to the State Police Herkimer Station, Troop D, and resides in Herkimer, New York; and

WHEREAS, On April 25, 2014, Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano responded to a report of a domestic violence incident at a residence in the Village of West Winfield; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the home, Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano encountered two elderly people fearing for their own safety, and a distraught man brandishing a large knife; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano utilized all of his skills and training to calm the agitated man, while ensuring the safety of all persons present; and

WHEREAS, After the man refused to comply with his orders to put the knife down, Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano began backing out of the resi-

dence to lure the distraught man outside and away from the others; as he was exiting the house, the suspect charged at Trooper Stoffolano, forcing him to discharge his sidearm upon the assailant; and

WHEREAS, As soon as Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano determined that the threat was over, he summoned additional law enforcement units and performed emergency first aid while waiting for an EMS response; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic efforts, Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those extraordinary individuals who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Brummer Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper Bruce J. Stoffolano.