

## 2015-J2487

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Correction Officer Lori Brown for her extraordinary service in 2014 to be recognized with a Medal by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision on June 11, 2015

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Correction Officer Lori Brown for her extraordinary service in 2014 to be recognized with a Medal by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at its Training Academy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2014, Sullivan Correction Officer Lori Brown was assigned to D-Block Control and noted a microphone on a staff radio being repeatedly activated; as a result, she visually checked on the location of the D-Block officers, observed a fellow Correction Officer engaged in a struggle with an inmate and immediately called for assistance; and

WHEREAS, After observing the inmate holding the officer around his neck and trapped against the inmate's cell gate, Correction Officer Lori Brown reacted without hesitation or concern for her own well-being and opened the cell gate in an effort to free her colleague; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, the inmate was forced to release his hold, allowing the officer to regain his breath; and

WHEREAS, Correction Officer Lori Brown's attention to duty and her quick response allowed responding staff the time necessary to arrive on

the scene and prevent any life threatening injuries to the Correction Officer who was transported to the local hospital; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; her quick thinking helped save the life of a fellow officer and without her professionalism, the Department could have suffered a tremendous loss; and

WHEREAS, The management and operation of prisons is difficult work, requiring equal amounts of patience, discipline and creativity; the dedicated correction officers who staff New York State's prisons daily apply themselves to ensuring the custody, safety, and well-being of the inmates in their care; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants 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 Correction Officer Lori Brown for her extraordinary service in 2014 to be recognized with a Medal by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision on June 11, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Correction Officer Lori Brown.