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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mike Driscoll upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Somers Chamber of Commerce

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, Mike Driscoll will receive the Citizen of the Year Award by the Somers Chamber of Commerce during a dinner to be held at the Anglebrook Golf Course on June 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mike Driscoll knew his life direction at the young age of 13, when he witnessed a police officer subdue a murder suspect following a gun battle; from that day on, he knew he wanted a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, He first served his country with honor in the Marine Reserves, and earned a Bachelor's degree from the New York Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Mike Driscoll began his distinguished career as a beat cop for the New York City Police Department; he patrolled the Boston Road/Charlotte Street section of the Bronx, an area then known for its poverty; and

WHEREAS, Through his hard work and expertise, Mike Driscoll was named to the elite Emergency Services Unit; he assisted in the deliveries of 28 babies during his service to the ESU; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Mike Driscoll retired from the NYPD but returned to law enforcement in 1986, as a part-time officer in the Somers Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mike Driscoll was appointed Chief of the Somers Police Department in 1990, upon the retirement of then-Chief Ed Gall; and

WHEREAS, Mike Driscoll once subdued a distraught man who had an automatic rifle in his own yard, in the midst of other Somers and State Police officers, without a single shot being fired; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 53 years, Therese, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mike exhibits the true spirit of the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award through his tireless dedication as a law enforcement officer and Chief of Police; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mike Driscoll upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Somers Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike Driscoll.