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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Police Officer Joseph Verdi in recognition of his heroic action in the course of his duties, protecting the many lives of the citizens of Suffolk County

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary police officers who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Suffolk County Police Officer Joseph Verdi in recognition of his heroic action in the course of his duties, protecting the many lives of the citizens of Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Police Officer Joseph Verdi suffered minor injuries when a driver plowed his van head-on into the officer's car while he was attempting to protect other drivers from the van that was traveling the wrong way on Sunrise Highway on Thursday, January 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 3:00 a.m. Officer Joseph Verdi responded to a 911 call regarding a vehicle traveling the wrong way on Sunrise Highway; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation and in an effort to protect other east-bound motorists, Officer Joseph Verdi responded and slowed traffic by activating his emergency lights and weaving between the lanes of travel;

his patrol car was subsequently struck head-on by the van; and

WHEREAS, A true hero, Officer Joseph Verdi was transported to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center in East Patchogue, New York, where he was treated for minor injuries and released; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated police officers 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; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Joseph Verdi, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Police Officer Joseph Verdi in recognition of his heroic action in the course of his duties, protecting the many lives of the citizens of Suffolk County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Police Officer Joseph Verdi.