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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Officer Connie Smith upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Judith S. Kaye Service Award for Heroism by the New York State Court of Appeals on May 2, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring, concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Officer Connie Smith upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Judith S. Kaye Service Award for Heroism by the New York State Court of Appeals, feted at a Law Day Celebration on Monday, May 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, An Officer with the Appellate Division-Third Department in Albany, New York, Connie Smith was part of a small group of court employees who saved an Associate Justice's life after he had collapsed; and

WHEREAS, After noticing that the Associate Justice was not breathing, without hesitation Officer Connie Smith instinctually took over CPR while the defibrillator was set up; for six minutes, she and her fellow employees actively worked on the Judge before he showed signs of consciousness; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, EMS arrived and provided advanced care to the fully alert Judge, who was transported to the hospital 30 minutes later; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the committed efforts of Officer Connie Smith and her peers, the Judge made a full recovery and subsequently, returned to his duties on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Connie Smith should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while

performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Through her spontaneous and heroic actions, Connie Smith demonstrated her character and her compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of her actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Connie Smith upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Judith S. Kaye Service Award for Heroism by the New York State Court of Appeals on May 2, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Connie Smith.