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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring New York State Police Trooper Thomas A. Gallery upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values that are worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is hereby 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 New York State Police Trooper Thomas A. Gallery upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award to be celebrated at the 40th Annual Superintendent's Commendation Award Day Ceremony on May 26, 2016, at the University at Albany Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thomas A. Gallery, who is assigned to SP Hastings, Troop D, has been selected for this prestigious award for his successful efforts in preventing a suspect from taking his own life and/or possibly causing injury of others; and

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2015, Trooper Thomas A. Gallery, a resident of East Syracuse, responded to a call to assist State Police Investigator Charlotte Yerdon with the arrest of a subject for Rape and Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree; and

WHEREAS, When Trooper Thomas A. Gallery and the investigator were speaking with the subject near the doorway of the home, the individual bolted back into his residence and began to stab himself in the neck with a large kitchen knife; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thomas A. Gallery acted quickly, tackling and disabling the subject, so he could not continue to stab himself or attack

others around him; and

WHEREAS, In the process of the struggle, Trooper Thomas A. Gallery suffered some lacerations to his left hand, but would recover; Trooper Gallery was then able to successfully place the subject into custody; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thomas A. Gallery's selfless actions helped to prevent the subject from taking his own life, and from possibly hurting him or Investigator Yerdon; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police Department, Trooper Thomas A. Gallery has distinguished himself by his dedication and his exemplary service to protect the citizens of the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, The courageous and dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Trooper Thomas A. Gallery, who have devoted their lives to protecting the lives of others, are worthy of the praise and recognition of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Trooper Thomas A. Gallery upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2016 Superintendent's Commendation Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York State Police Trooper Thomas A. Gallery.