

## 2015-J6008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph Oswald upon the occasion of being inducted into the New York State EMS Memorial in Albany, New York, on May 17, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as EMS volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ralph Oswald upon the occasion of being inducted into the New York State EMS Memorial at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Suffolk County, Ralph Oswald believed in giving back to the region he loved so much; he was a dedicated member of the Hampton Bays Volunteer Ambulance Corps who made the ultimate sacrifice on February 9, 2015, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Ralph Oswald worked full-time for the ambulance company as the in-house Supervisor for the staff of paid first responders who assist the volunteer EMTs and ambulance drivers; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his paramedic duties, Ralph Oswald taught EMT classes and held the position of Hampton Bay's Continuing Medical Education officer, helping volunteers from across the South Fork and beyond maintain their certification at monthly classes; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Oswald left a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he is survived by his wife, Suzanne, his two sons, Cameron and Ralph, Jr. and his step-son, Tim, all of whom felt privileged to be

a part of his life and rejoiced in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Both Cameron and Ralph, Jr. Oswald have followed in their father's footsteps by becoming members of the Hampton Bays Volunteer Ambulance Corps; Cameron was proudly taught by his father, and Ralph, Jr. is currently enrolled in the EMT class; and

WHEREAS, An important part of the safety net of the healthcare system in America, EMS volunteers provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as EMS volunteers; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties, Ralph Oswald demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others; he was a tremendous asset to his EMS Unit and a distinguished citizen of the State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ralph Oswald upon the occasion of being inducted into the New York State EMS Memorial in Albany, New York, on May 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ralph Oswald.