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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden upon the occasion of receiving a medal from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for his extraordinary service

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 and recognize Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden of Auburn, New York, upon the occasion of receiving a medal from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for his extraordinary service to be celebrated at an awards ceremony in Albany, New York, on June 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2015, Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden was conducting his duties on the 7U Secure Unit at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, when he was confronted with a life-threatening situation; and

WHEREAS, An inmate from the Cayuga Correctional Facility in Moravia was having a scheduled medical consultation with a doctor at Upstate University Hospital when he abruptly raised his right arm and lunged toward the doctor with a sharp metal object that resembled an icepick-type weapon and subsequently stabbed the doctor twice; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden threw himself in between the inmate and the doctor, taking the brunt of the assault and suffering five stab wounds to his head and shoulder; both Correction Officer McFadden and the doctor were injured, but would recover; and

WHEREAS, After a violent struggle, Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden, along with the assistance of a second officer who rushed into the hospital room, was able to restrain the inmate and avert what could have been a deadly situation; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden 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 Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden, who devote themselves 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 Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden upon the occasion of receiving a medal from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for his quick and selfless actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden.