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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby upon the occasion of receiving a medal for his extraordinary service from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

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 Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby of Auburn, New York, upon the occasion of receiving a medal for his quick and selfless actions from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; an award ceremony will be held on June 8, 2016, in Albany; and

WHEREAS, On October 31, 2015, Plant Utilities Engineer (PUE 1) William Kirby was conducting his duties in the Powerhouse at Auburn Correctional Facility in Auburn when he was confronted with a dangerous situation; and

WHEREAS, An electrical malfunction had caused an explosion inside an electrical vault and the Auburn Correctional Facility lost power; and

WHEREAS, After ensuring that the generator had started, Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby began resetting the boilers and noticed that smoke had begun filling the room; and

WHEREAS, Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby immediately started to search for the source of the smoke and, upon checking the generator, found that the top of the generator was on fire; and

WHEREAS, After notifying the Watch Commander of the fire, Plant Utili-

ties Engineer 1 William Kirby returned to the generator to safely shut it down; he was then able to extinguish the fire with a dry chemical fire extinguisher; and

WHEREAS, The quick thinking and decisive actions of Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby not only saved New York State potentially thousands of dollars in damage and repair costs, but allowed the Auburn Correctional Facility to maintain its security; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby 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 Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby, 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 and recognize Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby upon the occasion of receiving a medal for his extraordinary service from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Plant Utilities Engineer 1 William Kirby.