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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing March 8, 2013, as Blue Friday

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in significant dates of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Albany radio station WGNA has teamed up with Blue Friday New York and Hannaford Supermarkets to recognize March 8, 2013, as Blue Friday in honor of all law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty as well as all of those who still serve; and

WHEREAS, Blue Friday New York is a nonprofit organization; its mission is to help rebuild the lives of survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty by serving as a clearinghouse for federal and state benefits, information, and resources that may be available to surviving families; and

WHEREAS, Each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss; and

WHEREAS, Blue Friday is a reminder to pay tribute to those in the law enforcement community who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2013, WGNA and Blue Friday New York will be accepting donations at the Hannaford on Wolf Road in Colonie, the Uno Chicago Grill in Wilton, and in Albany at the Holiday Inn Express on Broadway and the corner of State Street and North Pearl Street; donations may also be made at any area Hannaford stores from February 18th through March 9th; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is eternally grateful for the service of its brave men and women in law enforcement, and applauds the efforts of Blue Friday New York to assist the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

recognize March 8, 2013, as Blue Friday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to WGNA and Blue Friday New York.