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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Shawn Jordan upon the occasion of his designation as Firefighter of the Year by the Wayne County Volunteer Firemen's Association for his heroic action in saving a life

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals in public service who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Firefighter Shawn Jordan upon the occasion of his designation as Firefighter of the Year by the Wayne County Volunteer Firemen's Association for his heroic action in saving a life; he will be honored at the Association's Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Shawn Jordan has been a member of the Fairville Fire Department since January 2002; and

WHEREAS, A 2002 graduate of Newark High School, Shawn Jordan has always demonstrated a remarkable commitment to serving his community and his nation; he joined the United States Army in 2002, where he was a K-9 handler, serving in Iraq with the 511th Military Police; in February 2009 he joined the Rochester Police Department in Recruit Class No. 50; and

WHEREAS, It was in his capacity as a police officer that Shawn Jordan fearlessly and skillfully saved the life of a woman injured by a gunshot; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Jordan and fellow Rochester police officers responded to the scene of a local restaurant following a report of a man with a gun; upon their arrival at the busy establishment, the officers

confronted and subdued one suspect who fired his gun before being handcuffed; and

WHEREAS, Two other suspects engaged with the officers, and Shawn Jordan received several lacerations and a significant injury to his knee which bled extensively; however, when the fighting concluded and he learned that a woman had been shot, this selfless public servant, heedless of his own injuries, immediately rushed to his vehicle to get a trauma kit; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Jordan drew on his extensive background and training to tend to the victim; he applied a chest wound patch and trauma gauze to the woman, which eased her breathing and slowed her blood loss until the fire department arrived; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter and Police Officer Shawn Jordan showed great courage and professionalism under extraordinary circumstances, remaining calm and multitasking amid chaos, and rendering critical first aid to a victim who, without his quick thinking, would have lost her life; and

WHEREAS, With Shawn Jordan throughout have been his girlfriend, Samantha Pittman, and his daughter, Emmarie Jordan, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Jordan has truly distinguished himself as one of New York's finest; when an act of such heroism is brought to our official attention, the same should be memorialized for the edification and emulation of all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Shawn Jordan upon the occasion of his designation as Firefighter of the Year by the Wayne County Volunteer Firemen's Association for his heroic action in saving a life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Shawn Jordan.