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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring three Queens-bred Verizon technicians in recognition of their prompt and heroic actions in preventing a violent crime

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the concerned and heroic acts of those citizens who would voluntarily take immediate and appropriate action to protect the health and safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor three Queens-bred Verizon technicians in recognition of their prompt and heroic actions in preventing a violent crime; and

WHEREAS, While on the job, Verizon technicians Michael Popowich, Anthony Howley and John Gilday came to the aid of a woman who was being attacked; and

WHEREAS, Through their quick and astute actions, the trio chased down the attacker, detaining him until the police arrived; and

WHEREAS, In their spontaneous and heroic acts, Michael Popowich, Anthony Howley and John Gilday truly demonstrated their extraordinary character and exceptional compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, Michael Popowich, who resides in Massapequa Park, Long Island, is the proud father of three children; for the past 27 years, he has been a valued and exemplary employee whose experience and dependability have always played an integral part in the success of Verizon; and

WHEREAS, Michael Popowich has worked tirelessly helping to rebuild the

Verizon plant and restoring service to thousands of its customers, both residential and business, after many storms, including Hurricane Irene and Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Born in London, England, Anthony Howley was raised in Sunnyside and Elmhurst, Queens, and currently resides in Forest Hills,

Queens, with his wife, Meredith, and their two sons, Owen and Finn; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Howley began working for New York Telephone on April 8, 1991; for 23 years, he too has been a dedicated and valued employee and played a vital part restoring service to thousands of Verizon

customers, both residential and business, after countless storms including Hurricane Irene, microburst storms and Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Maspeth, New York, John Gilday started working for Verizon as a Lineman in Queens, New York; in 1995, he moved to Douglaston, New York, and the following year, he married his wife,

Randi; together they are the proud parents of one daughter, Randi; and

WHEREAS, A native of Queens, John Gilday has worked for Verizon for over 26 years and throughout that time, has been an integral part in the build out of Verizon FiOS network in Queens; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as heroes, Michael Popowich, Anthony Howley and John Gilday richly merit the admiration of this Legislative Body and their community for their consummate courage and bravery on October 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor three Queens-bred Verizon technicians in recognition of their

prompt and heroic actions in preventing a violent crime; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Michael Popowich, Anthony Howley and John Gilday.