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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Legion Award by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 on March 3, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the long-standing efforts of those agencies in the State of New York which diligently contribute to the efficient operation of our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Legion Award by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, to be celebrated at its Community Awards Ceremony on Monday, March 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit stands as an integral part of the criminal justice system; its dedicated staff, Sergeant Hornick and Detectives Radliff, Young, Cross, Rice, Whiteley and Beck, will continue to provide critical and vital services to the community of Bethlehem, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Detectives assigned to the Department Special Services Unit are responsible for the investigation of all major crimes and unattended deaths in the Town of Bethlehem; they are responsible for the security, storage, accountability and disposition of all evidence and property coming in to the possession of the police department; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these Detectives work cases with investigators and detectives from other law enforcement agencies and assist patrol officers in investigations and arrests, as well as ensure continuity in the chain of evidence necessary for the successful prosecution of criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, under the luminous direction of Chief of Police Louis G. Corsi, The Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit Detectives were responsible for investigating 838 cases, resulting in the arrests of over 150 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, among countless notable investigations, the Detectives were pioneers in Albany County by securing the first hate crime indictment against an individual who targeted the elderly; these actions led to the arrest of a man also wanted in Georgia, who subsequently pled to state prison time; and

WHEREAS, The quality of life in New York State is largely reflective of the commitment and dedication demonstrated by members of the agencies which serve to protect, preserve and maintain public order; and

WHEREAS, The tradition of altruistic public service, heroism and leadership embodied by the Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit is of such magnitude as to be worthy of special, statewide recognition; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Legion Award by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 on March 3, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each member of the Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Unit.