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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Nichole K. Turck and Trooper Scott D. Whitmore upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Police Brummer Award

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Nichole K. Turck and Trooper Scott D. Whitmore upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Police Brummer Award, New York State Police's highest award for bravery; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2013, Trooper Turck and Trooper Whitmore were working in the vicinity of County Route 2 in the Town of Orleans when they observed a fire and smoke in the distance; and

WHEREAS, Upon noticing the fire and smoke, Trooper Turck and Trooper Whitmore patrolled to that location and found a fully engulfed barn fire on County Route 13 that had spread to the house on the property, owned by an elderly couple; and

WHEREAS, Putting the safety of the elderly people above their own, Trooper Turck and Trooper Whitmore entered the residence, battling the smoke and flames to bring them, who then were 85 years-old and sleeping at the time of the fire, to safety; and

WHEREAS, The blaze, which took 16 departments and nearly three hours to combat, destroyed the couple's 133 year-old farmhouse, a large barn and two other structures; and

WHEREAS, Due to the quick thinking and bravery of Trooper Turck and Trooper Whitmore, the couple was saved; and treated at River Hospital in Alexandria Bay, and then discharged; and

WHEREAS, Not only during this incident, but throughout their careers,

Trooper Turck and Trooper Whitmore have exhibited dedication, selflessness and a passion for putting the safety and well-being of others above their own, making them both truly deserving of the New York State Police Brummer Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Trooper Nichole K. Turck and Trooper Scott D. Whitmore upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Police Brummer Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper Nichole K. Turck and Trooper Scott D. Whitmore.