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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Major Patrick W. Miller for his courageous actions during the tragic shooting at Fort Hood on April 2, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize heroic acts of those exemplary soldiers who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations and, in so doing, preserve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to Major Patrick W. Miller for his heroism in saving several lives during the recent Fort Hood tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Major Patrick W. Miller was born and raised in Allegany, New York; he graduated from Allegany-Limestone Central School in 1999; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Major Miller attended St. Bonaventure University where he was enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps; he joined the United States Army in 2003 after graduating from St. Bonaventure; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2004, Major Miller was deployed to Iraq for his first of two tours; at the time, he was a second lieutenant and the commander of a platoon of medics; during his second tour, he was an adviser to the Iraqi Army; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Major Miller earned master's degrees in business and public administration from Syracuse University through a defense comptrollership program; and

WHEREAS, Major Miller was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, in August of 2013; currently, he resides there with his wife, Ashley; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2014, a gunman opened fire in Fort Hood, Texas; in a matter of only a few minutes, he had shot soldiers in two buildings; in addition to killing three soldiers, he wounded 16 others; one

of the wounded soldiers was Major Patrick W. Miller; and

WHEREAS, During the shooting rampage, Major Miller was shot in the abdominal area; despite being critically wounded and while attempting to put pressure on his wound, Major Miller continued to pull his fellow soldiers to safety behind a door in one of the buildings which was under assault; he then managed to call 911 to report the shooting; due to his heroic actions, countless lives were saved; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and courageous actions, Major Patrick W. Miller demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of his fellow soldiers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Major Patrick W. Miller for his heroism on April 2, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Major Patrick W. Miller.