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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Christopher V. Williams upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award at the 38th Annual New York State Police Awards Day Ceremony on May 7, 2014

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Christopher V. Williams, of State Police Troop F in Middletown, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, A Trooper since August 16, 2007, Trooper Christopher V. Williams is being recognized for his outstanding police work; he will receive the award at the 38th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony, to be held at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, New York, on Wednesday, May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2013, Trooper Williams, his partner, and volunteer firefighters responded to a 911 call for five children who had fallen through the ice of a frigid pond in the Town of Wallkill; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the scene, Trooper Williams and the other emergency responders saw that, although two children had managed to climb out of the water, three young people remained huddled on the ice in the middle of the pond; and

WHEREAS, When his partner and a volunteer firefighter were unable to reach the children after entering the icy water and wading to chest-deep

depths, Trooper Williams quickly grabbed a rope and threw one end to the children, holding on to the other end himself; and

WHEREAS, The children tied one end of the rope around themselves and began inching toward the emergency responders in the water, who were soon able to pick them up and carry them out of the water to safety; and

WHEREAS, Because of the quick actions of Trooper Williams and his fellow emergency responders, a potential tragedy was averted; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Trooper Christopher V. Williams has distinguished himself by his exemplary achievement and outstanding performance on behalf of the community he so faithfully and courageously serves; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Trooper Christopher V. Williams, who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy of the full praise of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Trooper Christopher V. Williams upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award at the 38th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on May 7, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper Christopher V. Williams.