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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing the commitment and sacrifices of New York State's Corrections Officers in conjunction with the observance of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week 2014

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; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is moved to recognize the commitment and sacrifices of New York State's Corrections Officers in conjunction with the observance of Correctional Officers and Employees Week in the State of New York, and National Correctional Officers and Employees Week 2014; and

WHEREAS, Currently the fourth largest prison system in the United States, New York State operates 58 correctional facilities that house approximately 54,300 inmates; in addition, the Department of Corrections is responsible for the management of 36,000 ex-offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, The more than 60,000 corrections officers and employees in the State of New York who oversee the State's correctional facilities and are responsible for the care, custody, and maintenance of the incarcerated, deserve to be recognized and appreciated for their demanding and dangerous work; and

WHEREAS, Many of New York State's correctional facilities are located in rural areas and small towns, and draw on the residents of those communities to serve in the essential role of corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, The Attica Correctional Facility is one such facility; a

maximum security/supermax prison, it is located in Attica, New York, a town in Wyoming County, the population of which was 7,702 at the 2010 census; and

WHEREAS, After it was constructed in the 1930s, the Attica Correctional Facility held many of the most dangerous criminals of the time; the prison now holds many inmates who are serving various types of sentences and who are usually sent to the facility because of disciplinary problems in other facilities; and

WHEREAS, The management and operation of prisons is difficult work, requiring equal amounts of patience, discipline and creativity; the dedicated corrections officers who staff New York State's prisons daily apply themselves to ensuring the custody, safety, and well-being of the inmates in their care; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the commitment and sacrifices of New York State's Correction Officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Attica Correctional Facility.