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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the invaluable service of the first responders from the Town of Glenville Police Department who, in three separate emergencies, came to the aid of women giving birth

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals within the State of New York who, in the course of their jobs, perform acts of heroic dimension; and WHEREAS, It is the further sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the first responders who perform their duties, assisting others in a calm and comforting manner in moments of high stress and turmoil; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the invaluable service of the first responders from the Town of Glenville Police Department who, in three separate emergencies, came to the aid of women giving birth; and

WHEREAS, Jadley C. Rapp was born January 17, 2014, to Justin and Jessica Rapp on the side of the road at the Glenridge Road traffic circle in the Town of Glenville with the exceptional guidance of Dispatcher Laurie L. Fredricks, who successfully talked the prospective father through the full delivery, and Lieutenant Rick E. Conley who arrived on the scene in time to provide assistance; and WHEREAS, Just one day later, Abigail L. Cruz was born January 18, 2014, to Louis and Megan Cruz at their home in Glenville, New York, as Dispatcher Joanne McPhail talked the child's dad through the full delivery; and

WHEREAS, Approximately two months later, the third baby was born on March 14, 2014, while Dispatcher Donald Gerding talked the father through the full delivery, with the assistance of a neighbor who is a nurse, who, upon hearing the commotion, played a key role in the deliv-

ery; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership and guidance of Police Chief Michael D. Ranalli, Town of Glenville Police Department Dispatchers Laurie L. Fredricks, Joanne McPhail, Donald Gerding and Police Lieutenant Rick E. Conley all acted with bravery and steady precision in dealing with the risk and drama of these emergency situations; and WHEREAS, In the performance of their duties, these remarkable first responders demonstrated their character as well as their compassion for the welfare of others; they truly are tremendous assets to the Town of Glenville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, It is the belief of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the invaluable service of Town of Glenville Police Department Dispatchers Laurie L. Fredricks, Joanne McPhail, Donald Gerding and Police Lieutenant Rick E. Conley who, in three separate emergencies, came to the aid of women giving birth; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Glenville Police Department Dispatchers Laurie L. Fredricks, Joanne McPhail, Donald Gerding and Police Lieutenant Rick E. Conley.