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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 9, 2014, Linemen Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days set aside to increase awareness of the contributions of the brave men and women who protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 9, 2014, Linemen Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The profession of linemen is steeped in personal, family, and professional tradition; these brave men and women are frequently the first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes; and

WHEREAS, The responsibility of a Lineman is to install, repair and maintain overhead and underground electrical power lines and auxiliary equipment; this position is the highest of a multi-step progression from Apprentice Lineman to Journeyman Lineman and is expected to know all aspects of Journeyman Lineman duties; and

WHEREAS, Power linemen work on electrically energized and de-energized power lines, and perform a number of tasks associated with power lines, including installation or replacement of distribution equipment such as capacitor banks, as well as distribution transformers on poles, insulators and fuses; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, these duties include the use of ropes, knots, and lifting equipment, and many times must be performed with primitive manual tools where accessibility is limited; such conditions are common in rural or mountainous areas that are inaccessible to trucks; and

WHEREAS, High voltage transmission lines can be worked live with prop-

er setups, and the lineman must be isolated from the ground; during this time, the lineman wears special conductive clothing that is connected to the live power line, at which point the line and the lineman are at the same potential, allowing the lineman to handle the wire; and
WHEREAS, Oftentimes working with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines, Linemen are on the job 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, working under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Regularly working above ground on poles or steel towers, Linemen put their lives on the line every day with little recognition from the community regarding the danger of their work; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that the public is in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 9, 2014, Linemen Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo.