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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Olean Police Department Patrolman Brian Cross for his heroism in saving the life of an Olean resident

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens 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 commend Olean Police Department Patrolman Brian Cross in recognition of his heroic actions in saving the life of an Olean resident; and

WHEREAS, On February 12, 2014, Patrolman Cross was on a routine patrol through the City of Olean when he noticed smoke coming over a building near Wayne Street around three o'clock in the morning; he drove toward the smoke and found a fire coming from the back of a two-story wooden residence on North Ninth Street; he reported the situation to police dispatchers and broke down the back door to search for any occupants; and

WHEREAS, Upon entering the burning residence, Patrolman Cross found the resident asleep in her first-story bedroom and safely evacuated her from the home; the fire, which was started because of an electrical malfunction, took 23 Olean City Firefighters and a pumper truck from the Allegany Volunteer Fire Department to extinguish the blaze; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Cross, through his spontaneous and selfless actions, demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others; it is fitting and proper that we who are beneficiaries of those who risk their lives in the line of duty express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their courageous acts; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Olean Police Department Patrolman Brian Cross in recognition of his heroic actions in saving the life of an Olean resident on February 12, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Olean Police Department Patrolman Brian Cross.