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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Officers Douglas Garrido and Thomas Leonard of the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department for their role in saving the lives of heroin overdose victims on two separate occasions

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging the heroic actions of its esteemed law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Officers Douglas Garrido and Thomas Leonard, partners in the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department, are being lauded for their role in saving the lives of heroin overdose victims on two separate occasions; and

WHEREAS, Officer Garrido graduated from Sleepy Hollow High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Pace University; and

WHEREAS, After a three-year career in Information Technology at the Tarrytown House Conference Center, he attended the New York City Police Academy in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Officer Garrido enjoyed success with the New York Police Department and the Sleepy Hollow Police Department before joining the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thomas Leonard graduated from the Dutchess County Police Academy in 2008; while at the Academy, he was elected President of his class; and

WHEREAS, After almost two years with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Officer Leonard joined the City of Mount Vernon Police Department, where he was selected for the Emergency Service Unit; and

WHEREAS, Officer Leonard joined the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department in 2013, where he serves as a certified DARE instructor; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2015, Officers Garrido and Leonard responded to a report of a heroin overdose at a residence on Grand Street; after

administration of two vials of Naloxone, the victim was able to walk out to the ambulance and was transported to a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, Officers Garrido and Leonard saved a second heroin overdose victim on April 16, 2015, when they responded to a call of an unresponsive female and possible heroin overdose at a residence on Brook Street; two vials of Naloxone were administered and the victim was transported to a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, is known to reverse the effects of an overdose of opiates such as heroin; and

WHEREAS, Officers Douglas Garrido and Thomas Leonard are tremendous assets to the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department; their quick thinking and heroic actions are an inspiration to their fellow officers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Officers Douglas Garrido and Thomas Leonard for their role in saving the lives of heroin overdose victims on two separate occasions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Croton-on-Hudson Police Officers Douglas Garrido and Thomas Leonard.