

## 2015-J3890

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring New York City Police Officer Patrick Espeut for his courage and bravery while acting in the line of duty

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, Patrick Espeut, a valiant officer with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and resident of Southeast, New York, was serving on the NYPD's Bronx Housing Bureau's Impact Response Team when he was injured in the line of duty on Thursday, February 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Espeut, and his partner, Diara Cruz, as well as a third officer were on routine patrol of the Melrose Houses on East 156th Street in the Bronx when they encountered two men in the stairwell and asked them for identification; and

WHEREAS, One of the men told the officers his ID was upstairs; unbeknownst to the officer, the man was in possession of a 32-caliber handgun and a black duffel bag with a sawed off shotgun; as he went upstairs, he fired on the officers; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, Patrick Espeut was shot, and subsequently, was rushed to Lincoln Hospital and thankfully, was released the next day; his fellow officer, Diara Cruz, was also struck; she underwent surgery and is expected to make a complete recovery; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as a courageous and dedicated NYPD Police Officer, Patrick Espeut holds the rank of Technical Sergeant with the 105th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard, where he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers as a broadcaster in the public affairs section; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Espeut performed his duties as a Police Officer with honor, integrity, and pride; he is a wonderful role model and inspiration to his fellow officers; 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 honor New York City Police Officer Patrick Espeut for his courage and bravery while acting in the line of duty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York City Police Officer Patrick Espeut.