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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring four individuals upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Humanitarian Award after saving the life of an 11-year old girl

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring, concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor individuals who would serve to protect it, lauding particularly one who would clearly endanger his own life and safety on behalf of that cause; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor four individuals upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Humanitarian Award after saving the life of an 11-year old girl; and WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce's Annual President's Award and Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Angola, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year, three members of the Evans Police Department,
Lieutenant Bradley DiMartino, Officer Jeffrey DeVinney and Officer
Gregory Szarowicz, as well as Highland Hose Volunteer Fire Company Lieutenant Phil Schott, are being recognized for their fearless courage and determination; and

WHEREAS, These four residents of Evans, New York, responded to a call at Wendt Beach on July 30, 2015; due to their heroic efforts and grace under pressure, these four extraordinary men were able to save the life of an 11-year old girl; and

WHEREAS, Evans Police Lieutenant Bradley DiMartino, Officer Jeffrey DeVinney, Officer Gregory Szarowicz, and Highland Hose Lieutenant Phil Schott should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Through their spontaneous and heroic actions, these four men demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their actions, the collective concern of citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor four individuals upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Humanitarian Award after saving the life of an 11-year old girl; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Evans Police Lieutenant Bradley DiMartino, Officer Jeffrey DeVinney, Officer Gregory Szarowicz, and Highland Hose Lieutenant Phil Schott.