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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deputy Darren Ladd upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Civil Deputy of the Year Award by the New York State Sheriff's Association

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deputy Darren Ladd upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Civil Deputy of the Year Award by the New York State Sheriff's Association, celebrated at its Annual Winter Conference in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of the Madison County Civil Department Team, Deputy Darren Ladd is dedicated to serving the sheriff's office, the communities it serves and the entire law enforcement profession; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Darren Ladd began his illustrious career with the Madison County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, where he committed his efforts to traffic safety and enforcement; throughout his tenure, he trained and earned certification as an accident reconstructionist; today, he holds the title of Senior Reconstruction Investigator, supervising two other deputies in their assignments; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Darren Ladd became a Certified Child Safety Seat Instructor and Technician; throughout the last nine years, he has dutifully inspected numerous child safety seats, ensuring the safety of the communities' smallest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Darren Ladd was also a member of the Madison County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol Unit; currently he serves as a Snowmobile Safety Training Instructor, instructing numerous Madison County resi-

dents how to safely operate a snowmobile; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Deputy Darren Ladd accepted the position of primary Civil Deputy; in this capacity, he has served 125 civil and 295 family court papers, monitored 135 evictions, supervised 11 property seizures, and served numerous orders of protection; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his tireless work as a full-time Civil Deputy, Deputy Darren Ladd has been a lead team member for the Sheriff's Warrant Unit; in 2015, he located and arrested approximately 83 wanted persons in Madison County and the surrounding areas, some of whom were fugitives placed on the Madison County Sheriff's Top 10 Most Wanted List, which he helped manage; he was also instrumental in coordinating efforts to apprehend wanted individuals with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Deputy Darren Ladd joined the Navigation Patrol, and successfully completed the New York State Parks Service Law Enforcement Navigation Course; since then, he has spent numerous hours patrolling the waterways of Madison County; after receiving his Boater Safety certification, he taught the Agency's Boater Safety Course during the 2015 boating season; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable public servant also holds the title of Madison County Sheriff's Office Senior Crisis Negotiator, and volunteers his time and energy giving talks to local high school students about the dangers of driving while intoxicated during high school prom season; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and commend such outstanding and heroic law enforcement officers such as Deputy Darren Ladd for their valued contributions to the community; 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 Deputy Darren Ladd upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Civil Deputy of the Year Award by the New York State Sheriff's Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Darren Ladd.