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Senate Resolution No. 5438

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING Trooper Michael S. Kohan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police on May 30, 2018

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devote their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Michael S. Kohan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police to be celebrated at its 42nd Annual Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the State Police Academy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to Troop B in Tupper Lake, New York, Trooper Michael S. Kohan has been a member of the New York State Police since April 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2017, at approximately 11:42 a.m., State Police Tupper Lake received information regarding an EMS call for a

snowmobiler who had fallen through the ice on Long Lake in Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael S. Kohan immediately responded and observed a snowmobile operator struggling to stay afloat in the frigid water; without regard to his own safety, Trooper Kohan attempted to reach the victim by carefully walking on the ice; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, the ice broke apart, plunging Trooper Michael S. Kohan into the icy water; within minutes, Trooper Roger Lind arrived and pulled Trooper Kohan to safety; other fire and rescue members rescued the snowmobiler; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Trooper Michael S. Kohan demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those extraordinary individuals 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 Trooper Michael S. Kohan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Trooper Michael S. Kohan.