

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper David W. Pearce Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award at the 37th Annual New York State Police Awards Day Ceremony on May 16, 2013

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is moved to honor those who preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper David W. Pearce Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Pearce will receive the award in recognition of his outstanding police work at the 37th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony, to be held at the New York State Police Academy in Albany on Thursday, May 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, On January 14, 2012, at 10:47 PM, Trooper David W. Pearce of SP Williamson, along with Investigator George V. Grbic, were clearing from a call in Marion, New York when they were advised that smoke appeared to be coming from an apartment above a local pizza shop; after notifying 911, they both responded upstairs where they encountered smoke in the hallway and an audible alarm; and

WHEREAS, They immediately entered the apartment to search for occupants and were met with thick smoke, forcing them to crawl along the floor; they located an unconscious male on a bed, pulled him into the airspace near the floor, and dragged him from the apartment to safety; and

WHEREAS, The injured man subsequently regained consciousness and was treated by ambulance personnel; it was determined that he had been cooking food on the stove and had inadvertently fallen asleep; and

WHEREAS, If not for the quick actions of Trooper David W. Pearce and Investigator George V. Grbic, the occupant of the apartment would likely have tragically succumbed to the thick smoke in the apartment in a short amount of time; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Trooper David W. Pearce Jr. has distinguished himself by his exemplary achievement and outstanding performance on behalf of the community he so faithfully and courageously serves; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Trooper David W. Pearce Jr., who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy of the full praise of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Trooper David W. Pearce Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award at the 37th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on May 16, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper David W. Pearce Jr.