

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael T. Kelly 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 Investigator Michael T. Kelly, of Troop F in Liberty, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, A Trooper since April 30, 1997, he 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 December 13, 2008 at 6:00 am, New York State Police at Liberty were contacted by the Sullivan County 911 dispatch center, reporting a structure fire at 222 County Route 25 in Narrowsburg, New York; initial reports from emergency response personnel indicated that the sole occupant of the residence was believed to have perished in the fire; and

WHEREAS, On September 27, 2012, Investigator Michael Kelly was finally able to face Paul Novak in what Mr. Novak believed to be the safety of the State of Florida, and tell him "I'm here to arrest you for the murder of your wife Catherine Novak."; Paul Novak was taken into custody, and, in the following days, was extradited back to New York; and

WHEREAS, Due to the professionalism of the New York State Police, and particularly Investigator Michael Kelly, Paul Novak and his co-conspirator have been arrested for Murder in the First Degree and Catherine Novak's children, friends, and family are now able to find some measure of comfort, knowing that justice will prevail; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Investigator Michael T. Kelly 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 Investigator Michael T. Kelly, 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 Investigator Michael T. Kelly 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 Investigator Michael T. Kelly.