LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Douglas Horton for his heroic actions at the Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, Florida

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have performed acts of heroism in their everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Douglas "Smokey" Horton, a Mexico resident, and second generation fireman and first responder for his heroism; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, February 23, 2013, Doug Horton was attending a weekend race at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, following his participation in training exercises for emergency extrication for his employer, Jerome Fire Equipment, when a collision occurred during the race, causing flying debris to land in the stands near him, seriously injuring other spectators; and

WHEREAS, Doug Horton responded quickly, providing valuable lifesaving treatment to an injured spectator until paramedics could arrive; and

WHEREAS, Doug Horton was greeted at the Speedway the following day, as a hero and thanked for a job well done; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage of the men and women who step up and perform heroic acts in their everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited bravery and heroism, Doug "Smokey" Horton, has earned the respect of his State and deserves to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of New York for his heroism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Douglas "Smokey" Horton, for his heroic actions at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, on February 23, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Douglas Horton.