

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Rajindra Boodhoo 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 Rajindra Boodhoo, of Troop F in Monroe, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, A Trooper since April 21, 2008, 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 August 17, 2012, at approximately 1:00 pm, Trooper Boodhoo received a complaint about a 15 year old runaway; Trooper Boodhoo interviewed the juvenile's parents and determined that she may have fled the area to New York City; Trooper Boodhoo contacted Verizon to ping her cell phone and learned that her last known location was on Harlem River Drive in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Boodhoo also reviewed her contacts on her account and was able to make contact with a male subject in Maine who said the girl had planned to travel to the New York City Port Authority and to go to Arizona or Nevada from there; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Boodhoo contacted the Port Authority and faxed them a recent picture of the girl; Port Authority personnel advised Trooper Boodhoo that Nevada and Arizona are common child trafficking routes; and

WHEREAS, Other Troopers, Trooper Lewin and Investigator Key traveled to the last known location of the ping in an attempt to locate the girl, with negative results, after which Trooper Boodhoo asked the girl's parents to bring in her laptop to be reviewed for any possible further information; and

WHEREAS, On August 24, 2012 the girl was located from the IP address and was subsequently found in the basement of a Michigan home, being held captive in a cage by the man who had assisted her in running away; the man was arrested in Michigan with Federal and New York charges pending; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Trooper Boodhoo, 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 Rajindra Boodhoo 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 Rajindra Boodhoo.