

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the valiant and dedicated service of the responders involved in the December 24, 2012, tragedy in Webster, New York

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters and police officers who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life and property of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the valiant and dedicated service of the responders involved in the December 24, 2012, tragedy in Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, These outstanding public servants are: Police Officer John Ritter; Police Officer Mark Reed; Police Sergeant Kevin Hall; Police Officer Shaun Welch; and Police Officer Doug Pollock; and

WHEREAS, Greece Police Officer John Ritter was off duty on that Monday morning, when he followed the Webster fire trucks to the scene in Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, Webster Police Officer Mark Reed was dispatched to the scene of the fire on Lake Road; he arrived ahead of the firefighters and notified 9-1-1 dispatchers to the severity of the situation; and

WHEREAS, Webster Police Sergeant Kevin Hall also arrived on the scene on December 24, 2012; taking prompt action, he helped to set up an immediate perimeter around the scene; and

WHEREAS, Webster Police Officer Shaun Welch and Irondequoit Police Officer Doug Pollock also arrived at the scene and set up a perimeter along the waterfront during the ambush; and

WHEREAS, The collective actions of these extraordinary officers saved the lives of countless others who may have been injured or fatally wounded if not for their immediate and steadfast actions they had taken during the events of December 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to individuals such as Police Officer John Ritter, Police Officer Mark Reed, Police Sergeant Kevin Hall, Police Officer Shaun Welch, and Police Officer Doug Pollock who perform dangerous and life-threatening deeds with diligence and precision; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which these valiant public servants have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the valiant and dedicated service of the responders involved in the December 24, 2012, tragedy in Webster, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Police Officer John Ritter, Police Officer Mark Reed, Police Sergeant Kevin Hall, Police Officer Shaun Welch, and Police Officer Doug Pollock.