LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Michael A. Bianco upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Michael A. Bianco, of Troop K in Dover Plains, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award to be celebrated at the 37th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on May 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Bianco, a Trooper since September 26, 2005, will receive this prestigious award in recognition of his outstanding police work; and

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2012, Trooper Michael A. Bianco along with other law enforcement members responded to a report of a partially submerged vehicle in Wappinger Creek in the Town of Clinton, with a person trapped inside; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival, Trooper Michael A. Bianco found a distraught man, attempting to get his 16 year-old nephew out of the submerged vehicle; Bianco and two other Troopers lifted the vehicle into an upright position where rescue equipment was then used to free the unconscious male; and

WHEREAS, Upon the sight of his nephew's body removed from the vehicle, the Uncle fainted and was quickly swept away by the current; without hesitation, Trooper Michael A. Bianco swam after him, secured him in a cross-chest hold, and safely brought him back to shore; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Trooper Michael A. Bianco 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 Michael A. Bianco, 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 Michael A. Bianco upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 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 Michael A. Bianco.