

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Kyle VerStraete upon the occasion of his designation as Firefighter of the Year by the Marbletown Fire Department for his heroic action in saving a life, on April 20, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals in public service who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Firefighter Kyle VerStraete upon the occasion of his designation as Firefighter of the Year by the Marbletown Fire Department for his heroic action in saving a life; he was honored at the Department's Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Finger Lakes Racino in Farmington, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 2010 graduate of Newark High School, Kyle VerStraete is a five-year member of the Marbletown Fire Department where he currently holds the office of RIT Captain; he is also a member of Newark-Arcadia EMS where he is a driver; and

WHEREAS, On the night of December 12, 2012, Kyle VerStraete entered the home of a man suffering cardiac arrest; he quickly took over from a family member performing CPR on the stricken man and, after determining that the patient had no pulse and was not breathing, began chest compressions; and

WHEREAS, After five chest compressions, Kyle VerStraete noticed movement in the patient's throat, whereupon he checked the patient's pulse, determined that he did indeed have a pulse but still was not breathing, and performed rescue breathing for the patient, continuing to work on him after the Newark-Arcadia EMS arrived, and following the ambulance to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, The patient ultimately made a full recovery; he was home in time to meet his new granddaughter and enjoy Christmas with his family; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 20, Kyle VerStraete has already established a record of excellence; in 2009 he was recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Fire Department and, in 2010, he received the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his fiancée, Annalise Yager, and his daughter, Addison VerStraete, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Kyle VerStraete has truly distinguished himself as one of New York's finest; when an act of such heroism is brought to our official attention, the same should be memorialized for the edification and emulation of all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Kyle VerStraete upon the occasion of his designation as Firefighter of the Year by the Marbletown Fire Department for his heroic action in saving a life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Kyle VerStraete.