

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Joseph M. Bleichner 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 Joseph M. Bleichner, of State Police Troop F in Ellenville, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, A Trooper since May 8, 2006, 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 May 24, 2012, Trooper Bleichner was flagged down by concerned residents who advised him that their house was on fire, and that a family member was still inside the residence; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Bleichner observed smoke billowing from the eaves of the residence and immediately contacted Ulster County Fire Control; then, in spite of the conditions and disregarding his personal safety, Trooper Bleichner entered the burning residence; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Bleichner saw that the stairwell and the second floor were completely filled with smoke and could hear the trapped resident calling out from the second floor; and

WHEREAS, He ascended the stairs in an effort to locate the resident; Trooper Bleichner entered a second floor bedroom where the fire was actively burning and located the resident who was disoriented, but otherwise uninjured; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Bleichner was then able to lead the resident outside to safety; Trooper Bleichner's quick action and his willingness to place his own life in danger for that of another undoubtedly prevented serious injury or death from occurring; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police, Trooper Joseph M. Bleichner 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 Joseph M. Bleichner, 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 Joseph M. Bleichner 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 Joseph M. Bleichner.