

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant in recognition of their heroic action in responding to a fully engaged barn fire at the Miner Institute Research Facility

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 in an effort to preserve life and property; and

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2012, while on their way to work at the Altona Correctional Facility, Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant observed heavy smoke billowing from a barn at the Miner Institute Research Facility; and

WHEREAS, Immediately responding to the engaged fire scene, Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant could hear the sounds of live-stock trapped inside the burning barn; without fear for their own personal safety, they entered the barn and in the thick smoke and flames, located and successfully engaged fire extinguishers; and

WHEREAS, The courageous efforts of Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant were successful in keeping the flames in the barn at bay while Miner Institute staff were able to free the livestock; and

WHEREAS, Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant were credited by the Chazy, New York, Fire Chief with not only saving the livestock in the barn but also with saving an important historical site; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of their courageous and quick actions, Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant, were awarded Altona Correctional Facility Medals of Merit; their actions, accomplished with great skill and courage, are an inspiration to their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Through their voluntary and skillful commitment to respond to a fully engaged barn fire, Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant have unselfishly contributed to the advancement of that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the cornerstone of community life in this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the State of New York who perform heroic actions with skill, diligence and precision, preserving life and property; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant in recognition of their heroic action in responding to a fully engaged barn fire at the Miner Institute Research Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Correction Officers Mark Dubrey and Joseph Poissant.