

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring State Police Investigator Gary A. Darstein upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devote their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Investigator Gary A. Darstein, who is assigned to Onondaga County State Police Lysander, Troop D, and resides in Baldwinsville, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Gary A. Darstein has been selected for this prestigious award for his heroic efforts in apprehending a suspect sought in the sexual assault of a young victim, as well as the murder of a Liverpool woman; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Gary A. Darstein will be recognized for his outstanding police work at the 38th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony, to be held at the New York State Police Academy on May 7, 2014, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On the eve of March 14, 2013, Investigator Gary A. Darstein monitored his car radio transmissions and was advised to respond to an attack; he immediately altered his route to the crime scene, and based on the information generated, encountered the suspect jogging slowly along the road in the Town of Clay; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Gary A. Darstein, keeping his siren off to avoid being noticed, drove past the suspect and then quickly made a U-turn to stop five feet in front of the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Gary A. Darstein then placed his vehicle in park and chased the suspect, thwarting his attempt to flee into a nearby wooded area; Investigator Darstein heroically tackled the suspect and placed him into custody; and

WHEREAS, With the help of State Police Lysander, Troop D Investigators and the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Investigator Gary A. Darstein arrested the suspect, who was later charged and sentenced to life in prison; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police Department, Investigator Gary A. Darstein has distinguished himself by his quick thinking, dedication and his exemplary service to protect the citizens of the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, The courageous and dedicated efforts of public servants such as Investigator Gary A. Darstein, who have devoted their lives to protecting the lives of others, are worthy of the praise and recognition of this Great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Investigator Gary A. Darstein upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Superintendent's Commendation Award, to be recognized at the 38th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on May 7, 2014, in Albany, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Investigator Gary A. Darstein.