

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Correction Officer T.J. Strack for his extraordinary service in 2014 to be recognized with a Medal by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, remaining calm under pressure, to come to the assistance of persons in peril; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect these ideals; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Correction Officer T.J. Strack for his extraordinary service in 2014 to be recognized with a Medal by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at a ceremony on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On December 12, 2014, a level two emergency response was requested following an assault on a Correction Officer in the B-Block at the Clinton Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the scene of the incident, Correction Officer T.J. Strack immediately began to render medical attention to the injured officer using his skills as a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); and

WHEREAS, Correction Officer T.J. Strack monitored the Correction Officer's condition until an ambulance arrived; he also assisted the responding EMT's in placing and securing him on a backboard; and

WHEREAS, After obtaining permission to accompany his stricken co-worker en route to the hospital, Correction Officer T.J. Strack noticed he was unresponsive and not breathing; he repeatedly administered life-saving CPR until the ambulance reached the hospital, and his efforts were successful in reviving his injured colleague; and

WHEREAS, Correction Officer T.J. Strack's immediate response and spontaneous actions should be meritoriously praised; equally commendable was his ability to remain calm under pressure while performing a truly valiant deed; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Correction Officer T.J. Strack demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals (associations) of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Correction Officer T.J. Strack for his extraordinary service in 2014 with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Correction Officer T.J. Strack.