

Assembly Resolution No. 556

**BY:** M. of A. Fahy

**HONORING** Master Sergeant Brian Hughes upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Town of Bethlehem

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

**WHEREAS,** From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Master Sergeant Brian Hughes upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Town of Bethlehem, celebrated at a Ceremony on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the Town of Bethlehem Court, in Bethlehem, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Bethlehem honored police department members for outstanding service in recognition of Police Week in conjunction with National Police Week; these fellow officers were awarded for their brave acts in the apprehension of unlikely criminals; and

**WHEREAS,** The Meritorious Service Award is presented for a highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the nominee, or where death or injury to a third party is prevented; and

**WHEREAS,** On Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Master Sergeant Brian Hughes and fellow officers responded to a report of a possible burglary in progress in a residential area in Selkirk, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon arrival, Master Sergeant Brian Hughes and his fellow officers were able to establish a perimeter without the suspect noticing their presence; they were able to make a tactical entry into the residence and locate the suspect destroying property in the house; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to the teamwork and coordination of the officers on the scene, the subject was apprehended without incident; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Master Sergeant Brian Hughes upon the occasion of his designation

as recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Town of Bethlehem;  
and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be  
transmitted to Master Sergeant Brian Hughes.