

Assembly Resolution No. 65

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HONORING New York State Trooper Shaun Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Law Enforcement Real Hero Award by the American Red Cross of Central New York on December 7, 2016

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, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor New York State Trooper Shaun Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Law Enforcement Real Hero Award by the American Red Cross of Central New York, celebrated on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at The OnCenter/Nicolas J. Pirro Convention Center, Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, the American Red Cross of Central New York has celebrated the Red Cross mission of alleviating human suffering by hosting the Real Heroes Breakfast to honor Central New Yorkers, such as Trooper Shaun Smith, who have performed heroic acts to help others in need; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross touches lives in the State of New York every day through programs and services such as Disaster Relief, Service to the Armed Forces, and Preparedness and Health and Safety Training; and

WHEREAS, As an organization committed to helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies in our communities, the Red Cross is honored to salute Trooper Shaun Smith for truly making a difference; and

WHEREAS, On June 2, 2016, around 6:00 pm, Trooper Shaun Smith was off duty and swimming laps at the Northwest Family YMCA in Lysander, when a 12-year-old Baldwinsville boy, who was swimming with a friend, suddenly went into cardiac arrest in the pool; and

WHEREAS, As the boy's friend started to pull him to the surface of the water, Trooper Shaun Smith noticed that the victim's face was blue; he rushed over and immediately assisted in getting the victim out of the pool and onto the pool deck, and yelled for help; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Shaun Smith then began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as a lifeguard retrieved an automated external defibrillator (AED) and contacted Onondaga County 911; along with two parents, a registered nurse and a respiratory therapist, the two men continued CPR and applied the AED to the victim; and

WHEREAS, As the Moyers Corners Fire Department, the Greater Baldwinsville Ambulance Corps, and additional troopers from Lysander

arrived on the scene, the boy began to take heavy breaths on his own; subsequently, he was transported to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, where he regained consciousness and was listed in stable condition; and

WHEREAS, New York State Police Trooper Shaun Smith, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor New York State Trooper Shaun Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Law Enforcement Real Hero Award by the American Red Cross of Central New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York State Police Trooper Shaun Smith.