

Senate Resolution No. 38

BY: Senator AKSHAR

HONORING New York State Police Sergeant Jason Cawley in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a man who was stranded in his car and buried under four feet of snow during a massive snowstorm in the Town of Owego, New York on December 17, 2020

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary police officers who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; 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 Police Sergeant Jason Cawley in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a man who was stranded in his car and buried under four feet of snow during a massive snowstorm in the Town of Owego, New York; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, December 17, 2020, New York State Police Sergeant Jason Cawley responded to a 911 call from a man who had called Tioga County authorities after running off the road in the area of State Route 17C, needing assistance due to the more than 40 inches of snow which crippled the surrounding Binghamton area; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving to the scene, Sergeant Jason Cawley observed a row of mailboxes and began to dig through the snow to check addresses when he miraculously hit the windshield of a car, locating the victim who had been trapped in his vehicle for more than 10 hours without heat due to a broken serpentine belt; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jason Cawley located the victim, who was suffering from hypothermia and frostbite, before he was transported to Lourdes Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Sergeant Jason Cawley demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those extraordinary individuals 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 New York State Police Sergeant Jason Cawley in recognition of his heroic actions on December 17, 2020, noting the significance of his selfless contributions which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York State Police Sergeant Jason Cawley.