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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Oswego
County Pioneer Search and Rescue Team

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give outstanding service to the people of the Empire State and whose extraordinary achievements save the lives of their fellow citizens should be recognized because their efforts so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Oswego County Pioneer Search and Rescue Team; and

WHEREAS, Since August of 1971, the Oswego County Pioneer Search and Rescue Team has participated in hundreds of searches throughout New York State, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, The Oswego County Pioneer Search and Rescue Team was the first citizen-led search and rescue organization to form in New York State; they have served as a model for other citizen-led search and rescue groups; and

WHEREAS, Team members are certified and trained in search techniques, DEC basic search and rescue, basic land navigation, wilderness first aid, survival, communications, project life saver, the national Incident Command System (ICS), and other skills that enable them to deal with most search and rescue situations; and

WHEREAS, The Pioneer Search and Rescue Team has been recognized by the Oswego County Legislature as the county's official search and rescue team and as such, is a first-tier response agency through the 9-1-1 emergency system; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as volunteers; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and teams 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Oswego County Pioneer Search and Rescue Team; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the Oswego County Pioneer Search and Rescue Team.