

Senate Resolution No. 1092

BY: Senator OBERACKER

HONORING Deputy Mark Hamilton and Detective Matt Barcak in recognition of their prompt and heroic actions in saving the lives of two individuals after their vehicle crashed and landed in the Chenango River

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deputy Mark Hamilton and Detective Matt Barcak in recognition of their prompt and heroic actions in saving the lives of two individuals after their vehicle crashed and landed in the Chenango River; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of May 5, 2023, Broome County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Hamilton and Detective Matt Barcak responded to reports of a vehicle in the Chenango River off Interstate Route 88; community members near the accident reported a male and female on the roof of their vehicle as the high and swift current carried it down river; and

WHEREAS, The driver and passenger of the vehicle were able to escape the sinking vehicle and climb onto the roof; as the vehicle completely submerged, both attempted to swim to shore; the passenger of the vehicle was able to make it to shore, while the other was swept further down the river; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mark Hamilton spotted the driver of the vehicle and immediately acted with unquestionable bravery, jumping into the high and swift currents of the river to successfully bring the citizen back to shore; and

WHEREAS, Responding quickly under pressure, Deputy Mark Hamilton along with Detective Matt Barcak immediately began CPR on the victim and continued until EMS arrived, saving the young man's life; and

WHEREAS, Through their heroic actions, Deputy Mark Hamilton and Detective Matt Barcak demonstrated their 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 Broome County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Hamilton and Detective Matt Barcak in recognition of their heroic actions on May 5, 2023, noting the significance of their selfless contributions which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Broome County Sheriff's Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Broome County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Hamilton and Detective Matt Barcak.