

Assembly Resolution No. 2096

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COMMENDING New York State Trooper Edward T. Hernandez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award on May 16, 2024

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers from the State of New York put their lives on the line every day for the citizens of this great Empire State; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend New York State Trooper Edward T. Hernandez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award on May 16, 2024, to be celebrated at the New York State Police 48th Annual Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony at the State Police Academy in Albany, New York, on Thursday, May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers 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; it is appropriate to recognize and commend outstanding law enforcement officers, such as Edward T. Hernandez, for their valued contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Following the shooting of Trooper Richard Albert on June 16, 2023, Trooper Edward T. Hernandez, along with Trooper Matthew G. Strobeck, Trooper Christopher D. White, and Trooper Matthew S. Gelbman, quickly formed a four-person team to track the shooter who managed to escape into the wood line along Interstate 88, in the town of Duanesburg; this team managed to flush out the suspect and pursue him with sound tactical movements; and

WHEREAS, Upon locating the suspect, who had sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, these brave State Troopers immediately focused on providing medical assistance which showcased their unwavering commitment to preserving human life; the gravity of the situation cannot be understated, with the suspect having access to additional rounds, escalating the threat faced; 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; Trooper Edward

T. Hernandez should be embraced with admiration and respect by a grateful citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend Trooper Edward T. Hernandez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York State Trooper Edward T. Hernandez.