BY: Senator BOYLE

HONORING NYPD Officer Alyssa Vogel in recognition of her prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a four-year-old girl who was injured during a triple shooting in Times Square on May 8, 2021

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 NYPD Officer Alyssa Vogel in recognition of her prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a four-year-old girl who was injured during a triple shooting in Times Square on Saturday, May 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of Saturday, May 8, 2021, NYPD Officer Alyssa Vogel responded to a shooting at West 45th Street and 7th Avenue in New York City's tourism zone, where a four-year-old girl was shopping for toys with her family when she was struck by a stray bullet; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving to the scene, Officer Alyssa Vogel, who is a mother to a six-month-old boy, noticed the little girl with a gunshot wound to her leg; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation or regard for her own safety, Officer Alyssa Vogel immediately picked up the child and moved her to safety before applying a tourniquet and later rushing her to a nearby ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Vogel, whose father, brother and husband all serve as police officers, joined the New York City Police Department four years ago after serving as a Physical Education Teacher in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Through her heroic actions, Officer Alyssa Vogel demonstrated her 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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor NYPD Officer Alyssa Vogel in recognition of her heroic actions on May 8, 2021, noting the significance of her selfless contributions which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York City Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to NYPD Officer Alyssa Vogel.