

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Trooper Shannon J. Saunders upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Shannon J. Saunders upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police to be celebrated at the 46th Annual Awards Day Ceremony on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the State Police Academy, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2020, Trooper Shannon J. Saunders responded to a report of a suicidal male in possession of a shotgun at a residence on Rabideau Street in the Town of Schuyler Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon his arrival on the scene, Trooper Shannon J. Saunders, without hesitation or regard for his own safety, was able to de-escalate the situation and prevent the man from taking his own life; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Shannon J. Saunders' quick thinking and decisive actions under extreme stress and in the face of life-threatening danger reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Peru, New York, Trooper Shannon J. Saunders joined the New York State Police on April 23, 2012; today, he is stationed with Troop B at the Valcour State Police Station; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Trooper Shannon J. Saunders 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 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

honor Trooper Shannon J. Saunders upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York State Trooper Shannon J. Saunders.