Assembly Resolution No. 1085

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COMMEMORATING the 155th Anniversary of the Yonkers Police Department on April 10, 2026

WHEREAS, The quality of life in New York State is largely reflective of the commitment and dedication demonstrated by members of the agencies which serve to protect, preserve and maintain public order; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who devote their life's work and purpose to public service, contributing to the care and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 155th Anniversary of the Yonkers Police Department on Wednesday, April 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Yonkers Police Department began on April 10, 1871, with only a handful of men and the authorization of the Governor; since its humble beginnings, the City of Yonkers has grown tremendously to become the third largest city in the State of New York, and requires a skilled police force to keep its communities safe; and

WHEREAS, Today, remaining true to its mission, the Yonkers Police Department enhances the quality of life in its city by working in cooperation with the diverse communities it serves; this vital department protects the lives and property of its residents and those visiting the City of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, By enforcing the law within the framework of the Constitution, the dedicated members of the Yonkers Police Department pledge to protect the people of Yonkers, preserve the peace, and contribute to a safe environment for all; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the men and women who serve this vital organization will continue to maintain and enhance the public's trust by asserting the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Yonkers Police Department has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Yonkers Police Department, with their proficient skills and love for the City they so ably serve, truly epitomize the roll of a community police department; these brave men and women tirelessly and selflessly serve the residents of the Yonkers community with compassion, integrity, and fairness, attributes which will forever serve as an example for generations of officers to come; and

WHEREAS, The great State of New York is fortunate to have brave public servants like the members of the Yonkers Police Department who risk their lives in the line of duty each day to protect the residents of our communities; no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who are willing to put service over self; and

WHEREAS, The tradition of altruistic public service, heroism and leadership embodied by the Yonkers Police Department is of such magnitude as to be worthy of special, statewide recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 155th Anniversary of the Yonkers Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Yonkers Police Department.