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RECOGNIZING Christina Scofield as Civilian of the Year 2025 at the 131st Annual Convention of the Central New York Firefighters Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals whose outstanding actions and selfless dedication contribute greatly to the safety, well-being, and betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Christina Scofield, who will be honored as Civilian of the Year 2025 at the 131st Annual Convention of the Central New York Firefighters Association, hosted by the New York Mills Fire Department in New Hartford, New York, from July 18-20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Civilian of the Year Award is presented to an individual outside of the fire service who has demonstrated extraordinary courage, compassion, or service in support of emergency responders, public safety, or their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 2024, Christina Scofield heard a young child crying profusely from a car on a 99-degree day and went to check on them; and

WHEREAS, Christina found a two-year-old and a five-year-old in a locked vehicle with the back window down, no air conditioning running, and no parent or guardian around and leapt straight into action, calling 911 and attempting to cool the children down with a water-soaked towel; and

WHEREAS, After the police arrived and the children were removed from the vehicle, Christina noticed the two-year-old beginning to lose consciousness from the heat and immediately brought her into a cool space to bring her temperature down while waiting for Fire/EMS to arrive; and

WHEREAS, In a moment that called for quick thinking and resolute action, Christina Scofield rose to the occasion with bravery, clarity of mind, and a deep sense of duty to others; and

WHEREAS, The heroic actions and dedication demonstrated by Christina Scofield embody the highest ideals of civic responsibility and reflect great credit upon themselves, their community, and all those who serve in public safety; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give of themselves so courageously and generously should be recognized and applauded by all New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christina Scofield as Civilian of the Year 2025, in recognition of their remarkable service, bravery, and commitment to the people of Central New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christina Scofield, with the highest esteem and gratitude of this Legislative Body.