

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 3RD, 2014, A.D.

I Hereby Certify that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 3rd day of April 2014, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, on the evening of March 16th, 2014, authorities were called to a home on Brown Hill Road in the Town of Concord, and;

WHEREAS, Erie County Sheriff Deputies Brad Ballantyne and Jon Hanna were the first to arrive at the scene, and;

WHEREAS, as the deputies pulled into the driveway of the home, the suspect opened fire with a high-powered rifle, hitting the first two patrol vehicles three times each, with one round going through the windshield-of the vehicle, and;

WHEREAS, both deputies were able to safely back away out of the line of fire, proving to be no easy task, especially for Deputy Hanna as he had taken some glass fragments from the windshield into his eyes, and;

WHEREAS, at that point both deputies could have reasonably waited for supervision to arrive to continue making the calls, instead, the deputies continued to give out valuable information for responding supervision, deputies, and SWAT personnel, and;

WHEREAS, Deputy Ballantyne was outstanding in guiding responding personnel to the best routes possible to get to the newly formed staging area and to avoid any potential contact with the gunman, and;

WHEREAS, with the aid of Deputy Ballantyne, the surrounding area and intersections that needed to be blocked off for civilian traffic was accomplished quickly by responding patrol units thereby forming a perimeter and protecting countless civilian drivers from the deadly fire of the gunman who had continued to roam the area around his residence, continuing to fire his automatic weapon at any target he saw fit, and;

WHEREAS, as the SWAT personnel and equipment were arriving at the staging area, Deputy Hanna, wounded, refused treatment and insisted on continuing his duties and responsibilities as a SWAT deputy, and;

WHEREAS, Deputy Brad Ballantyne and Deputy Jon Hanna, though their heroic actions demonstrated outstanding dedication to their fellow deputies and citizens of Erie County and are truly celebrated assets to the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to honor Deputies Brad Ballantyne and Jon Hanna for their unwavering dedication to serve the residents of Erie County.

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