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Honoring and recognizing SEPTA Police Sergeant Daniel Caban and SEPTA Police Officer Darrel James for demonstrating fast and effective emergency response and professional valiance in the dramatic delivery of a Christmas Miracle on the Market-Frankford El train on Christmas Day in 2014.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel Caban has served the City of Philadelphia as a SEPTA Police Officer since February 10, 2006. On November 9, 2014, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant on and is currently stationed at SEPTA District 2 located at 18th Street and JFK Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Officer Darrel James has been employed with SEPTA Transit Police since October 22, 2010. Officer James is a member of the Team One Unit, which is a specialized public safety team that maintains high visibility presence throughout the SEPTA transit system to protect and serve SEPTA commuters; and

WHEREAS, On Christmas Day, SEPTA commuter and mother-to-be Yanjin Li boarded the Market-Frankford El train around 5 pm on Christmas Day her husband. The anxious couple were heading to the hospital for impending birth of a brand new baby boy; and

WHEREAS, When the Market-Frankford El train pulled into 15th Street Station, passengers excitedly exited the train and screamed to nearby Sergeant Caban that a woman was having a baby on the train. Sergeant Caban rushed downstairs to the train, yelling to Officer James to get his gloves and assist him; and

WHEREAS, The officers entered the train to see Yanjin Li stretched out on the floor of the isle with the head of a baby visibly bursting through the seams of her sweat pants. The officers immediately went to work assisting and coaching the young mother into the delivery of the newborn; and

WHEREAS, As the baby emerged, the umbilical cord was wrapped around the infant's neck, possibly complicating its breathing. Giving the gift of life, the Officers immediately removed the cord from around the baby's neck and placed this brand new bundle of joy in the outstretched arms of Yanjin Li; and

WHEREAS, The baby's father immediately removed and wrapped his newborn son in loving warmth with the shirt off his back as the child rested in the gentle embrace of his mother's arms. Afterward, paramedics took the new family to Hahnemann Hospital for follow up medical care to the miracle birth; and

WHEREAS, On December 26, 2014, Sergeant Daniel Caban and Officer James visited the new family at Hahnemann Hospital bringing gifts to celebrate the Miracle of Christmas, who by now had been appropriately named baby Chris by his mother in recognition and honor of his dramatic, but safe arrival on Christmas Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Honors and recognizes SEPTA Police Sergeant Daniel Caban and SEPTA Police Officer Darrel James for demonstrating fast and effective emergency response and professional valiance in the dramatic delivery of a Christmas Miracle on the Market-Frankford El train on Christmas Day in 2014.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution shall be presented SEPTA Police Sergeant Daniel Caban and SEPTA Police Officer Darrel James as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.