

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Bridget G. Brennan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 3, 2017

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 honor Bridget G. Brennan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1995, the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) provides critical medical and legal support services to the law enforcement community and its membership which now exceeds more than 205,000 members and supporters nationwide and in 12 foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Bridget G. Brennan has been New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor since 1998; appointed by the city's five elected District Attorneys, she is the first woman to hold the esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Bridget G. Brennan is in charge of an agency solely dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of narcotics offenses in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Bridget G. Brennan, the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor is widely recognized for its legal and technological expertise; it processes an average of 3,000 arrests a year, prosecutes national and international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, and oversees large-scale operations targeting violent drug gangs in New York City neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, As an alternative to serving time in prison, Special Narcotics runs programs that offer treatment to hundreds of addicted defendants every year; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Office of the Special Narcotics in 1992, Bridget G. Brennan served as the Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, overseeing some of the most significant narcotics investigations in the country; and

WHEREAS, Bridget G. Brennan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin; she went on to earn her

Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Bridget G. Brennan, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bridget G. Brennan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 3, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bridget G. Brennan.