

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Bruce T. Sackman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's 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 Bruce T. Sackman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of President's 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, Bruce T. Sackman served as the Special Agent in Charge of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Inspector General, Criminal Investigations Division, Northeast Field Office until May of 2005, when he retired after 32 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Bruce T. Sackman was responsible for all major criminal investigations involving Veterans Affairs from West Virginia to Maine; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Bruce T. Sackman was involved in hundreds of investigations involving allegations of fraud, corruption, false claims, thefts, patient assaults, pharmaceutical drug diversions and suspicious hospital deaths; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was responsible for supervising the successful investigation of the nation's first homicide conviction in connection with pharmaceutical research; and

WHEREAS, Bruce T. Sackman's cases involving medical professionals who have murdered their patients have been featured on the Discovery Health Channel, CNN, MSNBC, Home Box Office and "America's Most Wanted"; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he has lectured at several forensic related conferences, state police organizations, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, universities and medical related symposia; and

WHEREAS, Bruce T. Sackman is currently self-employed as a licensed private investigator in New York City specializing in healthcare related matters; under contract he directs all major investigations for a major New York metropolitan regional healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man also serves as an associate with the Washington D.C. Academy Group, an internationally renowned forensic behavioral science firm; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming the President of the Society of Professional Investigators in 2010, Bruce T. Sackman has greatly enhanced the reputation and stature of the organization by vastly increasing its membership, treasury, and dedication to its mission of education and networking for the investigative community; 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 Bruce T. Sackman, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bruce T. Sackman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the President's 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 Bruce T. Sackman.