

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Special 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 Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Special 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, Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli is a 31-year police veteran of the Italian State Police (Polizia di Stato), and is being recognized with this auspicious award for his long-term commitment to law enforcement and life-long accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, For the past 12 years, Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli has been assigned to the Italian Consulate where he serves as its official police attache at the New York-New Jersey Consulates; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, he coordinates police activities with United States law enforcement officials on sensitive criminal investigations involving organized crime, human trafficking, drug distribution, terrorism and fraud; and

WHEREAS, Currently assigned as the Italian State Police Interpol representative covering New York, New Jersey and other states, Sergio Cirelli has been credited for being an integral part of these sensitive criminal investigations which includes the apprehension of international fugitives; and

WHEREAS, Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli has completed various courses and has certifications in diving in open water, emergency first response, and rescue diving; he also obtained Parachutist Pat. 9 certification while attending Special Forces Military School of Latacunga, Italy; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades throughout his distinguished career in law enforcement including, the Silver Cross of Merit, Gold Medal for Service Excellence, and Silver Medal for Service Excellence; he was also awarded the Certificate of Merit by the Police Chief of Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Chief Inspector Cirelli is the official New York and New Jersey representative of the National Association of Police State (ANPS), which is the fraternal organization representing the Italian State Police worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is the official Delegate of the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) to Italy, where he has arranged numerous NPDF police conference and humanitarian missions to help critically ill children worldwide; 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 Sergio Cirelli, 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 Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Special 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 Chief Inspector Sergio Cirelli.