

BY: Senator KAMINSKY

COMMENDING Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by Resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart of the Rockville Centre Fire Department upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, On numerous occasions Christopher Bossart has heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2016, the Rockville Centre Fire Department was toned out for an alarm for a cardiac arrest in a private home; Christopher Bossart arrived on the scene, and with the help of other members, he expertly established an IV, ventilated the patient with a BVM and performed a 12 lead ECG; after the patient had been stabilized, he was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Six days later, Christopher Bossart was once again ready, willing and available to help save a person's life; on January 26, 2016, he and Chief Brian Cook diligently worked together to save a 53-year-old male who was suffering from cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, While his partner performed CPR, and applied the AED, as

well as ventilated the patient with a BVM, Christopher Bossart started an IV and assisted with packing the patient for transport to the emergency department; through their combined efforts, the patient made a full recovery from this incident; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; on many occasions, Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart has acted with bravery and steady precision in dealing with the risk and drama of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart should be regarded as a true hero; he has continually devoted himself to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Praised for maintaining his composure and his professional conduct, Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bossart.