

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING 14 First Responders upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Ambulance Call of the Year Award by the East Williston Fire Department on April 21, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the State of New York who, in the course of their jobs, perform acts of heroic dimension; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor 14 First Responders upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Ambulance Call of the Year Award by the East Williston Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the North Hills Country Club, Manhasset, New York; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, July 15, 2017, a call was dispatched for an unresponsive female at her home in East Williston, New York; Nassau County Police Officers Sean Coffey and Will Orgera were the first to arrive to find the patient not breathing and without a pulse; and

WHEREAS, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was initiated and the automated external defibrillator (AED) was set up as East Williston Fire Department Chief/EMT Patrick Theodore arrived on the scene; and

WHEREAS, East Williston Fire Department First Response Unit 812 arrived with Firefighters David Black, Vincent DelGatto, Nicholas DiPasquale, Kevin O'Donnell, Cesar Romero and EMT Jonathan Viola; and

WHEREAS, Williston Park Fire Department Ambulance 866 arrived next with EMT-CC Frank Chester, and EMTs Brendan Duggan, James Duggan and Dylan Perro; after multiple shocks from the AED, CPR was continued as the patient was placed in the Williston Park Fire Department ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Police Department Emergency Ambulance Bureau Paramedic Jose Hernandez came on board Ambulance 866 to assist with the advanced life support (ALS) measures initiated en route to Winthrop University Hospital where return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) occurred prior to the arrival at the emergency room; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the quick and professional actions of these 14 First Responders, the patient was able to leave the hospital after a few short weeks and resume her normal life; and

WHEREAS, So aptly demonstrating their character and compassion for the welfare of their neighbors, these 14 First Responders truly merit the grateful tribute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and

pay tribute to individuals within the State of New York who perform their jobs with diligence and precision, resulting in heroic life-saving actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor 14 First Responders upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Ambulance Call of the Year Award, noting the significance of their immediate and unconditional response to come to the aid of another; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 14 aforementioned First Responders.