

BY: Senator PERSAUD

HONORING Henry A. Bolus 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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Henry A. Bolus 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

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, A shining example of what a citizen of America should be, Henry A. Bolus voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army, proudly serving his country during the Korean Conflict as a paratrooper with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team and the 11th Airborne Division from February of 1951 to January of 1955; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 19, 1934, Henry A. Bolus attended the New York City public school system before pursuing his undergraduate degree; he completed the My Turn program at New York City's Kingsborough Community College, earning a 3.95 GPA and prompting the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Phi, to invite him to join their fraternity at the Presidential Level; and

WHEREAS, A valuable community advocate, Henry A. Bolus works quietly in the background, always willing to go the extra mile; he was the proud recipient of a New York City Council Proclamation for exceptional services to this great Nation and takes great pride in his association with local units of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, as well as the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions; and

WHEREAS, Henry A. Bolus is past President of the 69th Community Council, and still derives great joy having served as one of the organization's most loyal and enthusiastic umpires of their yearly baseball league; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he is a member of the District 18 Community

Board and a member of the Board of Directors of Cypress Hills and Canarsie Cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, United States Congressman Ed Towns presented Henry A. Bolus with a Special Proclamation for his distinguished record of service to the community; one year later, he was awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award by the Kings County District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Henry A. Bolus has been a member of the Canarsie Memorial Day Parade for several years, as well as an elected delegate to the New York State Judicial Convention; as a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus, he was awarded the status of Honorary Life Member; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary man is a devoted and active parishioner of Canarsie's Shrine Church of St. Jude, where he serves as a member of the finance committee and as an usher; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 64 years, Josephine, and their two children, Michael and Sabrina, as well as three grandchildren, Michael, Hector and Ana, and four great-grandchildren, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Henry A. Bolus 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 Henry A. Bolus.