

**BY:** Senator AVELLA

**COMMENDING** Bob Harris 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,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bob Harris 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,** Soon after Bob Harris and his wife moved to Queens, he quickly became an active and important part of his community; he joined several local organizations, including Community Board 8 and West Cunningham Park Civic Association and spent decades working diligently to protect the quality of life in his neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** First a member of the United Civic Council (UCC), which was an umbrella organization for a group of 30 civic associations in Queens, Bob Harris eventually served as its President; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1997, Bob Harris was instrumental in the formation of the Queens Civic Congress, Inc., an organization which consisted of 100 civic groups; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, Bob Harris gave of his own time and resources to protect his community, spearheading a neighborhood watch; and

**WHEREAS,** For decades, Bob Harris has worked tirelessly on myriad issues concerning education, clean communities and creating safer and healthier neighborhoods; thereby immeasurably contributing to the betterment of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his community, Bob Harris was honored by Community Board 8 for his 20 years

of service; 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; Bob Harris is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of such high standards, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Bob Harris 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 Bob Harris.