

BY: Senator HOYLMAN

HONORING Gina Zuckerman upon the occasion of her 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 Gina Zuckerman upon the occasion of her 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, On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 90 year-old Gina Zuckerman was taking her routine five-block walk to her senior center in Manhattan when she was attacked on the corner of West 11th Street and 5th Avenue by an assailant attempting to steal her purse; and

WHEREAS, This feisty nonagenarian, drawing from her strength and fortitude as a Holocaust survivor, refused to be intimidated; despite being knocked to the ground and suffering an injury to her arm, she successfully defended herself and her property; and

WHEREAS, A longtime New Yorker, Gina Zuckerman immigrated to the United States and has been a resident of the West Village for two decades; she is truly committed to keeping the community she so loves a safe place for all to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Gina Zuckerman retired after an impressive 28-year career in the advertising industry, during which time she remained active in her beloved community, volunteering at her local Greenwich House Senior Center near Washington Square Park; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gina Zuckerman upon the occasion of her 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 Gina Zuckerman.