

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Jonathan Correa 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 the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jonathan Correa 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, In the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 31, 2022, Jonathan Correa woke up to the sounds of crackling; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing a fire had broken out at a vacant home on his block on Massachusetts Avenue near Prospect Avenue, Jonathan Correa quickly ran to the occupied homes on either side of this massive three-alarm fire, and without hesitation or regard for his own safety, alerted its residence and assisted in safely evacuating nine adults, two children and a beloved dog; and

WHEREAS, A truly brave and courageous man, Jonathan Correa played a vital role in this extraordinary rescue effort, and should be praised by the people of this great Empire State for his astute actions in attempting to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Jonathan Correa should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Correa, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jonathan Correa 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 Jonathan Correa.