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**HONORING** the hard work, dedication, and commitment  
of the members of the New York State Legislative  
Messenger Service

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor  
individuals who have faithfully served the people and the government of  
the State of New York with dedication and conscientious service; and

**WHEREAS,** The New York State Legislative Messenger Service was  
founded in 1973 as an avenue to provide job training and opportunities  
to individuals with a disability; emphasis is placed on understanding  
and amplifying an individual's strengths while providing support,  
training and structure to lessen any barriers created by their  
disability; and

**WHEREAS,** This outstanding service plays a very important role in  
expediting the work of the New York State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS,** There are currently 24 employees of the Legislative  
Messenger Service, as well as one participant in the Apprenticeship  
Program which was implemented in 2012, and targets individuals with a  
disability who are transitioning from a school to work setting; the  
staff take great pride in their work, are eager to learn, and are  
extremely dedicated; and

**WHEREAS,** The Legislative Messenger Service provides a communication  
network throughout the Empire State Plaza and neighboring buildings for  
New York State Senate and Assembly offices; currently delivering to over  
350 offices, on a busy day, more than 300 delivers can be common and  
Messengers often walk several miles a day; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, most deliveries are completed in under 30  
minutes with all packages being tracked for accuracy; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to delivering packages, these vital employees  
of the Legislative Messenger Service answer phones, coordinate the  
delivery of packages, provide quality control, and act as ambassadors to  
both the Senate and Assembly; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the hard  
work, dedication and commitment of the members of the New York State  
Legislative Messenger Service; and

**WHEREAS,** For five decades, the New York State Legislative Messenger  
Service, located in the Legislative Office Building, has provided  
steadfast and unwavering support for countless offices throughout the  
Empire State Plaza and neighboring state buildings for Senate and  
Assembly legislators and their staffs; and

**WHEREAS,** The dedicated members of the New York State Legislative

Messenger Service can always be relied on to provide swift and dependable service; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the able leadership of Kevin Kather, Director, and Beth Bonesteel, Assistant Director, the members of the New York State Legislative Messenger Service, whom we see hurrying about their rounds, include: Brian Abreu, Greta Amodeo, Edward Blackman IV, Marquez Burns, Michael Cohen, William Crowe, Michelle Daly, Adam Denenberg, Sharon Forkeutis, Marcus Gagnon, Katherine Griffin, Tiek Hardy, Kimberly Lapp, Kathy O'Brien, Patrick O'Hara, Kadija Oliver, Kathleen Schleich, Mollie Shook, Kellsey Wickham, and Valerie Zeh, as well as Apprentice, Noah McDonald; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is pleased to recognize and pay just tribute to the members of the New York State Legislative Messenger Service, individuals who embody the true American spirit, demonstrating personal determination and significantly contributing to the workings of the New York State Legislature; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the hard work, dedication and commitment of the members of the New York State Legislative Messenger Service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the New York State Legislative Messenger Service, and the aforementioned apprentice.