

**BY:** Senator LANZA

**HONORING** Kevin B. Mannix 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 Kevin B. Mannix 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,** Kevin B. Mannix is dedicated to his community and has supported numerous civic, educational and philanthropic organizations throughout Staten Island including the Salvation Army, both the Girl and Boy Scouts, food banks and pantries, the New York City Police and Fire Departments, and the Staten Island Children's Museum for over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS,** A proud owner of three ShopRite Supermarkets in Staten Island, New York, Kevin B. Mannix began his distinguished career in the industry at the young age of 16; through the years, he has held numerous positions in various roles including Manager, Grocery Buyer, Director, and Vice President; and

**WHEREAS,** Fighting hunger is an important mission for Kevin B. Mannix; each week, his store donates bakery products to local food pantries and disperses over 3,000 Thanksgiving turkeys each year to those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin B. Mannix's community support facilitated Hurricane Sandy relief efforts by opening his grocery stores both during and after the storm, offering free food to accomodate victims of the devastating hurricane; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin B. Mannix is responsive to the unexpected and immediate needs of those in his community; he contributed and helped to

raise a total of \$50,000 for a young teenager, John Hudson Dilgen, who has a rare skin disease which severely inhibits his ability to attend school and participate in many activities; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Kevin B. Mannix upon the occasion of his designation as a 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 Kevin B. Mannix.