

**BY:** Senator GOLDEN

**HONORING** Joseph Forlini upon the occasion of his designation as Businessman of the Year by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 2, 2018

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Forlini upon the occasion of his designation as Businessman of the Year by the National Police Defense Foundation, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Forlini is being honored with this auspicious award in recognition of his lifelong accomplishments as a successful businessman and fervent support and service to the law enforcement community; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Forlini, co-owner of Forlini's Restaurant, has been serving the law enforcement community for more than 50 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Opening the restaurant located in New York City's Little Italy on Baxter Street in 1943, Joseph Forlini's grandfather established a close and permanent relationship between Forlini's Restaurant and the 5th Precinct of the City of New York Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** A resident of West Nyack, New York, Joseph Forlini admires and deeply appreciates the dedication, service, and respect that all law enforcement agencies continue to display towards the Forlini family and Forlini's Restaurant; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the local law enforcement community, Forlini's Restaurant hosts dinners and meetings for the National Police Defense Foundation, Society of Professional Investigators, and the Lieutenants Benevolent Association, among others; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the able leadership of Joseph Forlini, Forlini's Restaurant has been a special home for all law enforcement agencies; while the surrounding area continues to change, this extraordinary establishment remains a permanent fixture among law enforcement agencies and a true staple of the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, television shows, such as "Law & Order: SVU" and "Blue Bloods" have used Forlini's Restaurant as a background for numerous scenes involving law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife and their four children, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joseph Forlini has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and businesses 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 Joseph Forlini upon the occasion of his designation as Businessman of the Year by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 2, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Forlini.