

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Special Agent Raymond E. Hagemann upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Member Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 2, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who devote their life's work and purpose to public service, contributing to the care and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Special Agent Raymond E. Hagemann upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Member Award 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, Raymond E. Hagemann began his illustrious career as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics 50 years ago, during which time he was requested as part of a small contingent of federal narcotics agents to Richard Nixon's personal protective detail; and

WHEREAS, In the private sector, Raymond E. Hagemann succeeded in gaining the help of Pulitzer prize winning author Sydney H. Schanberg to expose and prevent construction of a huge city jail, on Staten Island, as part of a corrupt multi-million dollar land "flip" in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Later, Raymond E. Hagemann excelled as a loss verification investigator with the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), where he was responsible for the largest number of individual loan fraud referrals to the United States Attorney; and

WHEREAS, As chief investigator for Staten Island Borough president Guy Molinari in 1991, Raymond E. Hagemann was responsible for initiating the investigation into the wrongful indictment and prosecution of Joseph Occhipinti for civil rights violations; and

WHEREAS, The case became a national "cause celebre," exposing how a drug cartel's operations could sway the New York political and justice systems against a dedicated federal agent; President George Bush granted Occhipinti executive clemency on January 15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Raymond E. Hagemann recently completed nine years as a contract special investigator for the United States Department of Homeland Security; he is also a licensed private investigator, a certified fraud examiner, and a consultant to local civic groups fighting fraud and corruption in municipal government; and

WHEREAS, A NPDF delegate with the National Police Defense Foundation since its inception in 1995, Raymond E. Hagemann currently resides in Staten Island, New York and is the proud father of one daughter, Jody Hagemann Waters; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Raymond E. Hagemann has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Raymond E. Hagemann, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Special Agent Raymond E. Hagemann upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Member Award 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 Special Agent Raymond E. Hagemann.