

BY: Senator KAMINSKY

COMMENDING ex-Captain Robert Player, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, Citizens across the State of New York are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, New York State firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend ex-Captain Robert Player, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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, On December 21, 2018, ex-Captains John Kelly and Robert Player were performing routine activities on the second floor of the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department when suddenly, without warning, ex-Captain John Kelly's face turned purple; and

WHEREAS, Realizing the severity of the situation, ex-Captain Robert Player immediately summoned help from Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler, who raised the alarm over the department radio requesting advanced life support (ALS) mutual aid resources from the Woodmere and Inwood Fire Departments, as well as Rockaway-Lawrence Hatzolah Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, After a quick assessment, these three members of the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department determined ex-Captain John Kelly was in cardiac arrest and immediately began CPR; compressions were initiated within one minute of the victim's collapse; and

WHEREAS, Without interrupting compressions, these brave members rapidly placed ex-Captain John Kelly on the AED, during which time one shock was delivered; at this crucial point, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler retrieved additional lifesaving equipment and began ALS interventions as the first mutual aid resources arrived; and

WHEREAS, After placing ex-Captain John Kelly on the Lifepak and performing a manual pulse check, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner determined his pulse had returned; compressions were then disconnected while the members continued with ventilations and ALS interventions; and

WHEREAS, Once all necessary on scene ALS interventions were complete, ex-Captain John Kelly was packaged by his brothers from his own fire department to be transported to South Nassau Communities Hospital; and

WHEREAS, After regaining consciousness that same night, ex-Captain John Kelly was discharged from the hospital just over one week later; and

WHEREAS, The quick and astute actions of ex-Captain Robert Player, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler ultimately saved the life of a fellow and valued firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected men and women are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, an accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; ex-Captain Robert Player, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler are such firefighters; they heroically performed above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend ex-Captain Robert Player, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Captain Robert Player, Lieutenant Shoshana Weiner and ex-Captain Meyer Adler.