

BY: Senator KAMINSKY

COMMENDING Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer 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 the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer 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, In the early morning hours of Sunday, March 3, 2019, Malverne Volunteer Fire Department Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer was on his way home from his shift at the Port Authority when he responded to the scene of a raging fire at a deli in Valley Stream, New York, just moments before units from his department were requested; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Dispatch alerted that an occupant may still be inside at the rear of the location; and

WHEREAS, Upon his arrival to the scene, Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer, along with members of the Nassau Police, immediately rushed to the rear of the building; and

WHEREAS, Responding without hesitation or regard for his own safety, Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer forced open a locked door and found the victim unconscious on the floor with just minutes to live; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer pulled the victim to safety, and he was transported to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, This brave man truly exemplifies what it means to be a Malverne Volunteer Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Valley Stream, Ernest Bohringer moved to Malverne, New York in 2006; in addition to his 11 years of steadfast and unwavering service to the Malverne Volunteer Fire Department, he is a Cub Scout Leader and proud father of three; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer, in his spontaneous and

heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York

State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer 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 be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Chief Ernest Bohringer.