Senate Resolution No. 2364

BY: Senator MATTERA

COMMENDING Natechia Campbell-Moss and Jovani Moss 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those extraordinary individuals whose courage, selflessness, and commitment to the well-being of others exemplify the highest ideals of citizenship and bring great credit to 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 commend Natechia Campbell-Moss and Jovani Moss 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 the morning of March 31, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m., what began as an ordinary day quickly became a life-threatening emergency when 15-year-old Jovani Moss, while leaving his home to wait for the school bus, observed that a neighbor's home across the street was engulfed in flames, with fire emerging from the roof; and

WHEREAS, Displaying extraordinary composure and maturity beyond his years, Jovani immediately contacted his mother, Natechia Campbell-Moss, to alert her to the danger and ask whether he should assist; following her instructions, he promptly called 911, calmly relayed critical information to emergency dispatchers, and remained on the line throughout the incident, providing continuous updates that aided first responders in their emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation and with complete disregard for her own personal safety, Natechia Campbell-Moss rushed from her home and attempted to alert her neighbor by pounding on the door, ringing the doorbell, and knocking on windows; when there was no response, she forcefully kicked in the front door until it opened, enabling her to reach the homeowner, who was disoriented and unaware that her residence was rapidly filling with smoke; and

WHEREAS, Natechia Campbell-Moss immediately informed her neighbor that the house was on fire and safely escorted her from the residence; when the distraught homeowner re-entered the burning home in an attempt to rescue her beloved cat, Natechia again courageously entered the smoke-filled dwelling in an effort to save both her neighbor and the family pet; through providence and determination, both women emerged

safely, although the cat tragically could not be found; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the emergency, Jovani Moss refused to board his school bus until he knew that his mother and neighbor were safe and that emergency personnel had arrived; remaining calm and steadfast, he continued speaking with 911 dispatchers, provided valuable information to more than 50 responding firefighters and members of the Suffolk County Police Department, and assisted first responders by answering questions necessary for their emergency response and official reports; and

WHEREAS, Even after arriving at school, Jovani's first concern remained the welfare of his neighbor, demonstrating remarkable compassion, empathy, and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, The swift actions, extraordinary bravery, and unwavering presence of mind demonstrated by Natechia Campbell-Moss and Jovani Moss undoubtedly saved a life and stand as a powerful reminder of the profound difference ordinary citizens can make through courage, compassion, and decisive action in moments of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Beyond this heroic act, Jovani Moss has distinguished himself as an exemplary young man, maintaining honor roll status at Half Hollow Hills High School East and earning recognition as Student of the Month through his academic excellence, leadership, and exemplary character; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated student-athlete, Jovani participates in football and track, where he consistently demonstrates discipline, resilience, perseverance, and teamwork; grounded in his faith and recently baptized, he aspires to inspire other young people through positive leadership and is preparing to launch a clothing line dedicated to encouraging confidence, self-expression, and purposeful living among his peers; and

WHEREAS, Natechia Campbell-Moss is a devoted wife of 22 years to Kevin Moss and the proud mother of Jovani Moss and Malakye Moss, a student at SUNY Brockport; throughout her life she has exemplified compassion, service, and an unwavering commitment to strengthening families and communities; and

WHEREAS, As a Patient Services Representative with Mount Sinai Doctors, Natechia Campbell-Moss has earned repeated recognition for her empathy, creativity, and steadfast dedication to providing exceptional care and support to patients; previously, as a Case Manager serving individuals living with HIV/AIDS, she compassionately assisted clients in securing medical care, health insurance, and essential resources necessary for their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her healthcare service, Natechia Campbell-Moss serves as a Fintech Business Consultant, empowering individuals in underserved communities to achieve financial stability through access to credit, capital, and entrepreneurial opportunities; she is also the owner of Techia's Cake World, where her creativity and entrepreneurial spirit bring joy to countless families celebrating

life's special moments; and

WHEREAS, Guided by a deep belief in the importance of community, Natechia Campbell-Moss has long championed the idea that neighbors should care for one another as though they were family, and her actions on March 31, 2026, transformed those words into an inspiring example of selfless heroism; and

WHEREAS, The courage, integrity, compassion, and civic responsibility demonstrated by Natechia Campbell-Moss and Jovani Moss reflect the very highest ideals of public service and represent an enduring source of inspiration to the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Natechia Campbell-Moss and Jovani Moss upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the New York State Senate Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate, and to extend to them its highest esteem, sincere admiration, and best wishes for continued success in all of their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Natechia Campbell-Moss and Jovani Moss.