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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Conrad Mea in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing 13 people from a raging fire

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those particular individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, On Friday night, June 1, 2012, 33-year-old Conrad Mea helped 13 people escape a raging inferno in his five-story Williamsburg, Brooklyn building; and

WHEREAS, Conrad Mea, his wife, Rose, and their 12-year-old son had been in their kitchen, at the rear of the building, on the fourth floor; they heard a big pop and explosion in the hallway which prompted them to react quickly; and

WHEREAS, Rose Mea tried to wake a relative across the hall, but was unsuccessful; this prompted Conrad to pound on the door and bellow for the relative to get up; and

WHEREAS, After waking his sister-in-law and getting his family to head downstairs, Conrad Mea and Rose each pounded on doors to apartments on the third, second and first floors; the family escaped through the building's front door, but Conrad decided to stay inside the building longer; and

WHEREAS, By the time Conrad Mea gathered and tried to lead people out the front door, flaming embers were falling from the building's facade, making that route too dangerous to travel; and

WHEREAS, During that time, neighbors from across the street described how the front windows burst and flames shot out, quickly engulfing the front rooms; and

WHEREAS, With Rose Mea outside screaming for her husband, Conrad made

his last stop at the first-floor apartment of an 80-year-old neighbor; he hoisted her up, followed by her son and other residents and they all escaped through a rear door; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his courageous actions, Conrad Mea saved the lives of 13 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Conrad Mea, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Conrad Mea in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing 13 people from a raging fire; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Conrad Mea.