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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dorothy Forte upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dorothy Forte upon the occasion of her 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 a resolution in 2014 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, Dorothy Forte is a founding member of the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer (MWCABC), an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1997 with a mission to fund innovative research, increase awareness and provide support services to those with breast cancer and related diseases; and

WHEREAS, For 18 years, Dorothy Forte has loyally served on the organization's board of directors in such capacities as Director and Executive Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, this esteemed woman founded the MWCABC Outreach Program to focus on helping members of the Manhasset and nearby communities who are coping with breast cancer; she has served as Director of the program since its inception, assisting breast cancer patients by providing information and emotional support, as well as relief from

day-to-day stresses; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Forte's commitment to helping those with breast cancer was further illustrated through her founding of the MWCABC Outreach Extended Cancer Care Program in 2009; this initiative offers such support services as transportation to and from medical appointments, meals for the family, housecleaning, financial assistance and wellness services to those battling the affliction; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of numerous civic organizations, Dorothy Forte has recently concluded a two year appointment as a member of the New York State Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Education Program Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dorothy Forte has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dorothy Forte upon the occasion of her 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 Dorothy Forte.