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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Barron 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 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens, who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Barron 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 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, On February 2, 2015, David Barron, a mail carrier who was on duty, was flagged down by a woman who saw an elderly man lying in a driveway; he immediately took action and upon approaching the scene, he realized the man was not breathing and had no discernible pulse; and

WHEREAS, Although he did not know how to correctly perform CPR, David Barron instantly began giving the man chest compressions; fortunately a neighbor who knew the proper technique took over the compressions; in addition, a second neighbor came to help; and

WHEREAS, Even though this situation could have been a dire one, today, the 87-year old man is alive and well, and credits David Barron for his

quick and astute heroic actions in reviving him; and

WHEREAS, David Barron 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 honor David Barron 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 David Barron.