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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Guy V. Molinari, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 6, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals of preeminent character whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity and whose lifework and civic endeavor serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great 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 honor Guy V. Molinari, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation to be celebrated at its 2015 Annual Awards Dinner at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York, on Wednesday, May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Guy V. Molinari has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Prior to earning his law degree from New York Law School, Guy V. Molinari received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wagner College in Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, A proud public servant, Guy V. Molinari was elected to the position of New York State Assemblyman, serving his constituents from 1975-1980; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Assemblyman Guy V. Molinari was selected as New York State Delegate to the United States Congress, a title he held for eight years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as a Congressman, Guy V. Molinari was both a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee; he became the leading expert on aviation safety and appeared to discuss the issue on numerous news programs; and

WHEREAS, Upon his leave from Congress, Guy V. Molinari became Borough President of Staten Island in 1990, working tirelessly in this position for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Among his many lasting accomplishments as Borough President, Guy V. Molinari crafted the historic agreement to close the Fresh Kills Landfill in 2001; this ended 50 years of continuous dumping on Staten Island, and started the process of converting the 2,200 acre municipal landfill into a world-class, multi-purpose park, and recreation center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Guy V. Molinari was instrumental in bringing the Staten Island Heart Institute to Staten Island in 2001; today, the Institute ranks as one of the top facilities in New York State for cardiac care procedures; and

WHEREAS, Guy V. Molinari helped lead New York City through a determined rebuilding process in the aftermath of 9/11; and

WHEREAS, For decades of accomplished service on behalf of the people of New York City, Guy V. Molinari was awarded the highest honor a Staten Island official could receive; in September of 2003, the newest Staten Island Ferry boat was named in his honor, marking the first time this accolade was bestowed upon an individual during his or her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Marguerite, with him throughout has been his daughter, Susan, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Guy V. Molinari over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Guy V. Molinari, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Guy V. Molinari, Esq.