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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor on February 11, 2015

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Medal of Valor, the nation's highest honor for public safety officers, is awarded annually by the President of the United States to law enforcement officers and firefighters who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life; and

WHEREAS, A member of the New York Fire Department (FDNY), John Curley is also a longtime volunteer of the Bellmore Fire Department where he formerly served as Chief; and

WHEREAS, Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley was honored with this prestigious award for his off-duty rescue of a 92 year-old woman from a second floor bedroom of her burning home on November 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The first on the scene, this selfless man, along with his son, propped a ladder on top of a file cabinet and without hesitation,

Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley climbed to the bedroom window; after breaking the glass with his hand, he entered the room though billowing smoke, found the woman on the floor and carried her to the window, passing her to his son; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of 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 Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor on February 11, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Former Bellmore Fire Chief John Curley.