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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Luke Rosenthal 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 Luke Rosenthal 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, In early October of 2014, eight-year-old Luke Rosenthal, a third grade student at Meadowbrook Elementary School, was playing in a tree house in the backyard of his Levittown home when he heard cries from his elderly neighbor, and saw she was being attacked by dozens of yellow jackets; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Luke Rosenthal, the son of Margaret and Lieutenant Jeff Rosenthal, put on a protective vest his father had fashioned for him and immediately sprang into action; he swatted away the bees, removed the woman from harm, and summoned another neighbor to call the East Meadow Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Although the victim sustained several bites and a broken wrist, Luke Rosenthal's astute and courageous actions truly saved the life of his neighbor; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this auspicious Liberty Medal, Luke Rosenthal was honored by both the Town of Hempstead and the East Meadow Fire Department before the department's board of commissioners meeting on December 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Luke Rosenthal, 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 Luke Rosenthal 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 Luke Rosenthal.