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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jeremy Thompson 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, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jeremy Thompson 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 resolution 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, Born on June 16, 1975, in Cuba, New York, to Roland and Renee Thompson, Jeremy Thompson is a firefighter with the Cuba Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Thompson, a respected member of his community, has dedicated himself to making his community safe; and

WHEREAS, On February 21, 2015, Jeremy Thompson braved fire and danger to attempt rescue of domestic violence victims advocate Shannon Pepper after flames erupted from Erin's Isle Apartments in Cuba, New York; and

WHEREAS, For his heroic actions, Jeremy Thompson was awarded the Cuba

Fire Department's Fireman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Special recognition should be given to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and they should be acknowledged publicly for their heroic actions as firefighters in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cuba Fire Department Firefighter Jeremy Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 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 Mr. Jeremy Thompson.