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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arlene Fleishman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Arlene Fleishman upon the occasion of her 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 November 5, 1935, Arlene Fleishman was raised in Pelham Parkway, the Bronx, New York; she attended Public Schools 105 and 83, and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in 1953; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Arlene Fleishman pursued a career in the finance industry; in 1957, she married Bernard Fleishman, and moved to Kew Gardens, Queens; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Arlene Fleishman and her husband moved into Linden Towers Co-op No. 4 located on 137th Street in Flushing, Queens, where she still resides 55 years later; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from her job to raise her two sons, Arlene Fleishman joined the Parent Association Executive Board at P.S. 214 in 1968, serving as Program Chairperson; four years later, she was elected President of the Parent Association, and dedicated herself to school and

community, becoming an active participant in School District 25 affairs;
and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Arlene Fleishman held the position of President of the President's Council of District 25, the organization representing all P.T.A. Presidents in the district; at the end of her two year term, she was selected as one of the first parents to serve on the District 25 School Board; and

WHEREAS, Throughout 27 years of service to the District 25 School Board, Arlene Fleishman held the title of President for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Arlene Fleishman re-entered the business world by securing a job as Financial Manager at The North Flushing Swim Club; in this capacity, she helped open the North Flushing Senior Center, which is currently still in operation; and

WHEREAS, Eight years later, Arlene Fleishman became the Fiscal Manager at Family Focus Adoption Agency in Little Neck, Queens, a position from which she would officially retire in 2001; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement, Arlene Fleishman continues to serve her community; in 1990, she served on the Board of Directors of Linden Towers Co-op No. 4, and was elected to the position of President two years later, a title she still holds today; and

WHEREAS, At this same time, Arlene Fleishman assumed the responsibility of the Presidency of the Mitchell-Linden Civic Association, representing more than 4,000 people; in addition, she served her community for three terms as State Committee Woman; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, this remarkable woman was appointed to Queens Community Board 7, and presently holds the position of Chair of the Education and Youth Committee; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Arlene Fleishman upon the occasion of her 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 Arlene Fleishman.