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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jack Henry Gerard Rose posthumously 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 Jack Henry Gerard Rose posthumously 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 September 13, 1996, in Monterey, California, the son of Gary and Linda (Himberger) Rose, Jack grew up in Saugerties, New York, and attended St. Mary's of the Snow Elementary before graduating in 2014 from John A. Coleman High School in Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose was an honor student throughout high school, a member of the National Honor Society and a varsity member of both the golf and tennis teams; and

WHEREAS, With a strong belief in the community, Jack Rose was an active member of the Mt. Marion Fire Department, where he fulfilled his

life-long dream of becoming a firefighter; he valiantly served for more than three years and was recently elected to the esteemed rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose was a rare and fiercely loyal young man; his level of commitment extended to his family, firehouse, friends, studies and community; from a young age, he made it known that firefighting was his absolute passion; and

WHEREAS, Jack Henry Gerard Rose, died at the age of 19 on Saturday, December 19, 2015, as a result of injuries sustained in a firefighting incident; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Jack Henry Gerard Rose is survived by his brother, Matthew, and his sister-in-law, Jessica Lopez Rose; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose was a compassionate friend who always knew exactly how to lift a friend in need; he was an example to all and will always be remembered for his wicked sense of humor, sweet smile, selflessness and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jack Henry Gerard Rose posthumously 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 the family of Jack Henry Gerard Rose.