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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Fire Fighter Leon W. Smith, Jr. Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 2016 Annual Benefit Luncheon on June 18, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Fire Fighter Leon W. Smith, Jr. Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 2016 Annual Benefit Luncheon on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Greater Saint Mary Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire Fighter Leon W. Smith lost his life during the World Trade Center Tragedy; in 2004, a foundation was established in his name to honor students who plan on attending college; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, this vital foundation has raised significant funds and 10 students have earned their degrees and are working in various fields; and

WHEREAS, Currently, The Fire Fighter Leon W. Smith, Jr. Foundation is supporting three young people, one of whom lives in Bedford Stuyvesant and attends the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those foundations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Fire Fighter Leon W. Smith, Jr. Foundation upon the occasion of hosting its 2016 Annual Benefit Luncheon on June 18, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Fire Fighter Leon W. Smith, Jr. Foundation.