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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Augugliaro 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 Michael Augugliaro 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, For 24 years, Michael Augugliaro worked for the New York City Department of Sanitation, where he proudly helped make the City streets passable for cars during winter storms; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Michael Augugliaro and his family moved to Belle-rose, New York, and shortly thereafter, he became involved with the Queens Colony Civic Association, serving on the Executive Board for approximately 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Michael Augugliaro was instrumental in having his Bellerose neighborhood rezoned to a one-family only zone, and

he helped organize National Night Out; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Michael Augugliaro diligently worked to better the quality of life within the community Bellerose and other areas of Queens; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Michael Augugliaro has been a vital member of the Joint Bellerose Business Development Corporation, which strives to improve the business district by promoting the businesses and improving the look of the strip; and

WHEREAS, Michael Augugliaro removed signs which cluttered the neighborhood and graffiti from store fronts, as well as relocated 17 trees that the New York State DOT had removed from the center median during road construction; and

WHEREAS, Always willing to help someone, Michael Augugliaro honored a fallen police officer by tying blue ribbons around the lamp posts on Jericho Turnpike; on the day of his funeral, he helped organize the reception that followed; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Angela, and his three daughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Michael Augugliaro, devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth, are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Augugliaro 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 Michael Augugliaro.