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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Amoroso 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 Joseph Amoroso 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, After graduating from the Vaughn College of Aeronautics in 1959, Joseph Amoroso went to work at Grumman Aerospace Corporation as a Mechanical/Structural Aircraft Design Engineer in the Flight Test Department; a position from which he officially retired in 1994; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Joseph Amoroso furthered his education, by attending The Cooper Union School of Engineering under a full evening scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his Flushing, New York, community, Joseph Amoroso started getting involved with the Kissena Park Civic Association in

1968; shortly thereafter, he joined his first committee, where he came to the conclusion that zoning and zoning enforcement had a profound effect on the quality of life of those living in his community; and WHEREAS, Joseph Amoroso soon realized that the R3-2 zoning in a large part of the area could be detrimental to the entire community, and subsequently, decided to do something about it; and

WHEREAS, After meeting Paul Graziano, who was knowledgeable about zoning, the two men proposed a plan for a logical zoning change; Paul presented the plan to John Young, Director of City Planning for Queens who felt it had strong merit; after the plan was presented to the City Council it was reviewed by a Councilman, who eventually became instrumental in getting it passed into law; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Joseph Amoroso has served on both the Kissena Park Civic Association and the Queens Civic Congress in the areas of zoning and zoning enforcement; in addition, he has held numerous civic leadership positions in various organizations; today, he serves as both a Board Member and Chair of the Zoning Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Kissena Park Civic Association was first incorporated as a not-for-profit organization on November 19, 1937, to foster, promote, and maintain the civic and general welfare of the residents in the community known as Kissena Park, Borough of Queens, City and State of New York; promote and encourage improvements in the community, public and private, affecting the residents of said community; to stimulate the interest of the residents of the community in civic affairs; to hold meetings and social gatherings for the better realization of these purposes; and to do all things legal, convenient or necessary to carry out these purposes; and

WHEREAS, Currently, this vital organization continues its efforts to see that the Building and Sanitation Department codes are enforced to help preserve the quality of life and property values of all of the residents living in its community; and

WHEREAS, The Kissena Park Civic Association is a member of the Queens Civic Congress, a group of over 100 Civic Organizations working together toward common goals; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2006, Joseph Amoroso received an award from the Queens Civic Congress for his diligent efforts in having been instrumental for encouraging zoning changes to his neighborhood and some surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, A decade later, Joseph Amoroso was the recipient of the Outstanding Civic Leader Award by the Queens Civic Congress for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to the Kissena Park Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Joseph Amoroso, 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 Joseph Amoroso 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 Joseph Amoroso.