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Senate Resolution No. 4166

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Chief Thomas J. Moran 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 Chief Thomas J. Moran 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, The youngest of six children, Thomas J. Moran attended St. Ambrose School and was a 1986 graduate of Bishop Timon High School; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from SUNY Brockport, majoring in English and writing, and worked as a counselor at Father Baker Homes before joining the Buffalo Police Department in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thomas J. Moran spent most of his early career at precincts on the city's East Side; he was a Police Benevolent Association at-large representative; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Thomas J. Moran married the former Kelly Buczkowski, in St. Ambrose Church, where they were both lifelong parish members; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, as an officer with what was then the Ferry-Fillmore District, he and another officer received the Edward H. Butler Award for Heroism for stopping an armed robbery in a store and arresting the holdup man; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Thomas J. Moran was promoted to Lieutenant and in 2013, was named Chief in South Buffalo's District A; and

WHEREAS, Chief Thomas J. Moran also served as a member/past Commander in the Buffalo Police Underwater Recovery Unit for seven years; and

WHEREAS, As Chief, Thomas J. Moran, when asked to do something, would, without hesitation, complete the task; he was truly "a good guy,"

to borrow a phrase he often uttered about others; furthermore, he was a great leader who saw the good in everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of the community he loved, Thomas J. Moran was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians and marched with the club in the St. Patrick's Day parade; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Moran passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018; predeceased by his parents, James and Helen (Mannion) Moran; one sister, Kathleen Gilmour; and his father-in-law, Stanley Buczkowski, he is survived by his wife, Kelly Buczkowski Moran; two daughters, Ava and Lila; four brothers, James (Darlene), Kevin, Brian (Julie), and Terrance; his mother-in-law, Joanne Buczkowski; brother-in-law, Michael (Diane) Buczkowski; and sister-in-law, Kathy (Tim) Driscoll; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Thomas J. Moran is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chief Thomas J. Moran 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 Chief Thomas J. Moran.