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Senate Resolution No. 726

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMENDING Officer Paul Moore upon the occasion of
being named the 2021 Corrections Officer of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Officer Paul Moore upon the occasion of being named the 2021 Corrections Officer of the Year for coming to the aid of a fellow officer who was suddenly stricken; and

WHEREAS, On June 11, 2020, Officer Paul Moore was on duty in the staff dining room at the Delaware County Corrections Facility when he observed fellow officer, Keenan Kelly, stand up and silently walk away from his table and approach a trash can in apparent distress; and

WHEREAS, Officer Paul Moore immediately reacted, and went to Officer Kelly and asked if he was ok; after he shook his head no, Officer Moore realized he was choking, and his skin was quickly changing color; and

WHEREAS, Using his medical first aid training, Officer Paul Moore quickly administered the Heimlich Maneuver, however, his first series of thrusts were unsuccessful in dislodging the object Officer Kelly was choking on; after using harder thrusts, the object was finally dislodged, and Officer Kelly was able to breathe and talk again; and

WHEREAS, Due to Officer Paul Moore's astute and heroic actions, Officer Keenan Kelly was saved from certain death; not only were his actions remarkable, but his humble demeanor afterward was extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend Officer Paul Moore upon the occasion of being named the 2021 Corrections Officer of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Officer Paul Moore.