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Senate Resolution No. 2893

BY: Senator SEPULVEDA

COMMENDING Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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, On January 18, 2022, these first responders responded to an explosion that resulted in a massive fire and the collapse of a three-story residential building in the Longwood neighborhood of the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, These brave men rushed to the scene of the incident and into the blazing structure without hesitation, where they were able to assist an individual stuck in the rubble to safety while the building started to collapse; despite the misfortune of a single casualty on the scene and the severe injury of some of the first responders, this Captain and his officers fulfilled their duties and continued to ensure all residents were safe while gravely risking their own lives in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as heroes, Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez richly merit the admiration of this Legislative Body and their community for their consummate, swift action in saving the lives of residents of the building; and

WHEREAS, Moreover Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez,

in their spontaneous and heroic acts, have so aptly demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens

across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others need help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 Captain Anthony Mascia and Police Officers Jeremias Rivera, Victor Cabral, Anthony Diaz, Fransisco Baeto, and Christopher Estevez.