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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending EMT Jeffrey Brenner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Louis J. Acampora Heart Saver Award by the American Heart Association

WHEREAS, Volunteer ambulance corps members are an important part of the safety net of America's healthcare system; they provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the State of New York who perform acts of heroic dimension; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend EMT Jeffrey Brenner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Louis J. Acampora Heart Saver Award by the American Heart Association, celebrated at a dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious Louis J. Acampora Heart Saver Award is named for a Long Island teenager who succumbed to a sporting injury that may have been preventable if a cardiac medical device had been available for use by trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Brenner received this auspicious award for his quick and effective lifesaving actions; during a Christmas 2013 presentation of "White Christmas" at the Engeman Theater in Northport, New York, a fellow theater-goer went into cardiac arrest; Jeffrey Brenner quickly jumped into action and used his well-honed skills to save the victim's life; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 14, Jeffrey Brenner was a member of Explorer Post 215, a youth organization affiliated with the Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) in promoting education and training in

emergency medical services; during that time, he rose to the position of Chief; and

WHEREAS, Upon officially joining HCFAS in 2005, Jeffrey Brenner successfully completed the New York State Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course; he also worked for the Huntington YMCA Summer Camp in the First Aid office, and as an EMT with the New York State Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Brenner proudly comes from a long line of fire rescue and medical volunteers in the Long Island, New York Emergency Medical Services (EMS) community; he and his family members combined have contributed approximately 150 years of dedicated service; and WHEREAS, Currently, Jeffrey Brenner is employed as a Hyperbaric Technician with the Life Support Technologies Group at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Brenner is known throughout his community for excellence and professionalism, always going the extra mile in the provision of care to people in need; his hard work embodies the dedication, compassion, and respect displayed by emergency responders across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties, Jeffrey Brenner has demonstrated his character and his concern for the welfare of others; he is a tremendous asset to the HCFAS and the residents of his community, the State and the Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend EMT Jeffrey Brenner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Louis J. Acampora Heart Saver Award by the American Heart Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to EMT Jeffrey Brenner.