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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank Rush 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens, who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, disregarding their own safety, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frank Rush 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; the Putnam Valley Town Board recognized Frank on February 18, 2015, at a Town Board Meeting for his heroic actions in saving a man who collapsed in Grand Central Station; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by a resolution in 2014 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 23, 2015, 27-year-old Metro-North rider Frank Rush, a marine, volunteer firefighter and trained EMT, took immediate action when a man collapsed due to cardiac arrest in Grand Central Station; and

WHEREAS, Frank Rush instantly began administering CPR while an Assistant Station Manager and Fire Brigade member kept the man's airway open

until an MTA Police Officer arrived with a defibrillator, which was set up with Francis's assistance; and

WHEREAS, After an initial shock with the defibrillator, FDNY and NY Presbyterian EMS units arrived at the scene and took over CPR; after a second shock from the defibrillator, the man's pulse was restored; and

WHEREAS, Even though this situation could have been a dire one, today, the 70-year-old man is alive and well, and credits Frank Rush for his quick and astute heroic efforts in saving him; he is truly an inspiration for his courage and decisive action; and

WHEREAS, Frank Rush through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Frank Rush 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 Frank Rush.