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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Seth Dunning 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 Seth Dunning 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, Born on February 2nd, 1990, in Olean, New York, to his parents Tom Dunning and Shelly Burt, Seth Dunning is an interior fire-fighter for the Cuba Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Seth Dunning lives in Cuba, New York, with his wife, Shaunday Dunning, and their daughter, Sophia Dunning; and

WHEREAS, Seth Dunning is a respected member of his community who has dedicated himself to making his community safe; and

WHEREAS, On February 21, 2015, Seth Dunning braved fire and danger to attempt rescue of domestic violence victims advocate Shannon Pepper

after flames erupted from Erin's Isle Apartments in Cuba, New York; and  
WHEREAS, For his heroic actions, Seth Dunning was awarded the Cuba  
Fire Department's Fireman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Special recognition should be given to those who work so  
assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and they should be  
acknowledged publicly for their heroic actions as firefighters in this  
great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
honor Cuba Fire Department Firefighter Seth Dunning upon the occasion of  
his designation as a recipient of the 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 tran-  
smitted to Mr. Seth Dunning.