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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alan Sweet 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 Alan Sweet 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 October 23, 1993, in Olean, New York, to Lon and Linda Sweet, Alan Sweet is an interior firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician with the Cuba Fire Department; and WHEREAS, Alan Sweet lives in Cuba, New York, with his girlfriend, Serene Pierce; and WHEREAS, Alan Sweet is a respected member of his community who has dedicated himself to making his community safe; and WHEREAS, On February 21, 2015, Alan Sweet 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, Alan Sweet 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 Alan Sweet 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 transmitted to Mr. Alan Sweet.