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Senate Resolution No. 1800

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Anita Figueras upon the occasion of being named the 2017 Lung Hero by the American Lung Association

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 congratulate Anita Figueras upon the occasion of being named the 2017 Lung Hero by the American Lung Association; and

WHEREAS, Representing the State of New York, Anita Figueras will travel to Washington, DC to participate in the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE advocacy events; and

WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is a national movement established to unite women in the fight against lung cancer; this vital effort will highlight powerful stories from across the nation and will allow these women to stand together with a collective voice of strength and determination; and

WHEREAS, Anita Figueras is being recognized with this auspicious honor for her remarkable tenacity, leadership and strength in the face of this terrible illness; and

WHEREAS, Diagnosed with stage IV adenocarcinoma of the lung in June of 2014, Anita Figueras began treatment with an oncologist at the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center in Ogdensburg, New York; her first tumor test revealed an EGFR mutation in her cancer; and

WHEREAS, Anita Figueras has been receiving treatment for nearly three years with targeted therapy taken as a pill; she is currently in her third line of treatment and utilizing a new drug approved by the FDA in November of 2015; and

WHEREAS, This brave woman has participated in a phase II clinical trial at Roswell Park Cancer Institute which afforded her the opportunity to give a patient statement at an FDA hearing which examined the safety and efficacy of the experimental drug; and

WHEREAS, A true inspiration, Anita Figueras is actively involved in her own treatment and reaches out to other individuals with lung cancer; she is also a staunch advocate for more awareness and research, giving tirelessly of her time and energies in hopes of a cure for this illness; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Anita Figueras has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens

of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Anita Figueras upon the occasion of being named the 2017 Lung Hero by the American Lung Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anita Figueras.