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Senate Resolution No. 3027

BY: Senator AVELLA

COMMENDING Kevin J. Forrestal 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 Kevin J. Forrestal 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, Kevin J. Forrestal gives tirelessly of his time and energies to Community Board No. 8 in Queens, New York, where he serves as Area 3 Chair, Chair of the Sanitation and DEP Committee, and as a member of the Budget and Executive Committees; in addition, he is a member of its Transportation and Zoning Committees; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Kevin J. Forrestal currently serves as President of Queens Civic Congress where he is also Chair on the Health and Social Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, Kevin J. Forrestal serves as President of the Hillcrest Estates Civic Association, a member of Jamaica Now Leadership Council and as a founding member of St. John's University Dialog Group; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Kevin J. Forrestal spent more than five decades as a Healthcare Executive at such renowned institutions as Montefiore Medical Service, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, and New York City Health & Hospitals-Lincoln Hospital; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Jacqueline, and their two children, Kathleen and John, as well as two grandsons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Kevin is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kevin J. Forrestal 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 Kevin J. Forrestal.