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Senate Resolution No. 3030

BY: Senator AVELLA

HONORING Henry Euler 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, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Henry Euler 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 and raised in Bayside, New York, Henry Euler graduated from Queens College in January of 1970; he started his esteemed career in education as a middle school and high school mathematics teacher in the Hicksville School District; and

WHEREAS, During that time, Henry Euler continued his education and received his master's degree in 1973; additionally, he also did graduate work at Hofstra University and the University of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Henry Euler retired from teaching and devoted much of his life to community service; soon after, he became the First Vice President of the Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc., as well as its Zoning and Housing Chairman; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Henry Euler worked on the Bayside, North Flushing and Auburndale contextual rezoning projects; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Henry Euler served as a strong advocate for the return of a local elementary school, PS 130, for use by the local community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Henry Euler has held various titles within numerous organizations including co-Chair of the Environmental Committee of the Queens Community Board 11, and Board of Directors of the Bayside Historical Society; is he also an an active member of the Queens Preservation Council; and

WHEREAS, For the last 11 years, Henry Euler has held the position of

Secretary of the Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground Conservancy; throughout his tenure, he has been instrumental in rehabilitating the site after it was discovered that approximately 1,000 people of mostly African-American and native American descent were buried there; and

WHEREAS, Currently, this vital organization is working to install fitting memorial stones to identify the known dead buried at the site and to remember all of those interred with honor and respect; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Henry Euler 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 Henry Euler.