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Senate Resolution No. 3117

BY: Senator CROCI

COMMENDING Peter DiPinto, Sr. 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 commend Peter DiPinto, Sr. 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, On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at approximately 10:30 p.m., volunteer firefighter and United States Navy Veteran Peter DiPinto, Sr., heard a car crash at the crossing near the intersection of Montauk Highway and Arthur Avenue, to the east of the Bellport station, in Brookhaven, Long Island, in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, The driver of the car was turning when another vehicle hit the passenger's side, sending her SUV onto the train tracks; and

WHEREAS, Peter DiPinto, Sr. quickly ran to the driver's aid, pushing the airbags aside to reach her; realizing a train was speeding towards them, he pulled the terrified woman across the passenger seat, dragging her to safety behind a silver utility shed; about 10 seconds later, the Long Island Rail Road train slammed into the vehicle, sending it 50 feet into some nearby brush; and

WHEREAS, Due to the spontaneous actions of 30-year veteran firefighter, Peter DiPinto, Sr., the victim of the car crash survived with minor injuries; and

WHEREAS, Peter DiPinto, Sr. should be regarded as a true hero; he has continually devoted himself to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Praised for maintaining his composure and his professional conduct, Peter DiPinto, Sr. demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the welfare of others; 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; Peter DiPinto, Sr. is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Peter DiPinto, Sr. 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 Peter DiPinto, Sr.