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Senate Resolution No. 3553

BY: Senator KAMINSKY

COMMENDING Officer Marc Pennetti 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, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary police officers who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Officer Marc Pennetti 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, A two year veteran of the NYPD, Officer Pennetti responded to the call of a late morning fire on the 11th floor of Dayton Beach Park development in the Rockaways on Friday, January 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving on the scene, Officer Marc Pennetti, along with his partner, rushed into the building without hesitation or regard for his own safety and rescued a trapped occupant on the 12th floor of the building, carrying them to safety; and

WHEREAS, Extraordinarily, Officer Marc Pennetti then rushed back into the burning building and rescued a second trapped victim on the 11th floor; and

WHEREAS, Officer Marc Pennetti 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, Officer Marc Pennetti demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a member of New York's Finest, Officer Marc Pennetti is also a volunteer Firefighter with the Island Park Volunteer Fire Department; 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; Officer Marc

Pennetti 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 honor Officer Marc Pennetti 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 Officer Marc Pennetti.