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Senate Resolution No. 4861

BY: Senator CROCI

COMMENDING Officer Ryan Nash 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 Ryan Nash 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 five-year veteran of the NYPD, Ryan Nash worked day tours in the First Precinct in Lower Manhattan; on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, he and his partner were responding to an unrelated call at Stuyvesant High School when they were alerted by civilians about an apparent car crash nearby; and

WHEREAS, A man had driven a pickup truck down a crowded bike path along the Hudson River in Manhattan, killing eight people and injuring 12 more; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ryan Nash and his partner, along with two other officers, quickly responded to the scene, and saw the suspect, who appeared to be waving a gun and yelling at the scene of the accident and observed the victims down on the scene; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ryan Nash immediately took action and fired his service weapon nine times, shooting the suspect in the abdomen, bringing the worst terrorist attack in New York City since 9/11 to an end; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Medford, Long Island, Officer Ryan Nash serves as the epitome of a NYPD officer; each and every day, he strives to enhance the quality of life in New York City by working in partnership with the community to enforce the law, preserve peace, reduce fear, and maintain order; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being recognized for his role on that deadly Tuesday afternoon, Officer Ryan Nash was the recipient of both the

Excellent Police Duty and Meritorious Police Duty Awards from the NYPD; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ryan Nash 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 Ryan Nash demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the well-being 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; Officer Ryan Nash 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 Officer Ryan Nash 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 Ryan Nash.