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Senate Resolution No. 5872

BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Purple Heart

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in honoring its brave men and women who have distinguished themselves in their honorable service to their country; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato will be honored on June 30, 2018, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Purple Heart, after being injured while leading his Platoon during a mission in Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato is a graduate of Somers High School; he also graduated from Princeton University, where he was a member of the football team and ROTC program; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato was in his second year of honorable service in the United States Army when he was deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel; and

WHEREAS, On November 13, 2017, his first week as Platoon leader, 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato and four members of his convoy were completing a

routine patrol when a bomb struck their vehicle; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato suffered multiple soft tissue injuries and recovered at Walter Reed National Medical Center, where President Donald Trump personally presented him with the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato has inspired countless others through his honorable service, strength, and perseverance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato upon the occasion of receiving a Purple Heart, and to thank him for his service to his country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to 1st Lieutenant Victor Prato.