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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella for their consummate courage and bravery while saving a man's life at Onondaga Lake

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of those young people from the State of New York who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella for their consummate courage and bravery while saving a man's life at Onondaga Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team had left the boathouse at Longbranch Park and were heading down the channel when Matt Bass spotted a fisherman lying on the breakwall on the Maple Bay side, apparently unconscious; and

WHEREAS, As the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team pulled closer, the man began convulsing; Coach Stephanie Spinella, a nursing student, pulled her boat onto the rocks to check his airways and roll him onto his side to stop him from continuing to bite his tongue; and

WHEREAS, While Coach Stephanie Spinella tended to the victim, her boat with its emergency equipment began to float away; she yelled to her team and one student called 911, while another climbed into her launch and rowed it to her; and

WHEREAS, The other nine members of the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team spun their boat around and rowed to the SU boathouse to get help; after 25 minutes emergency responders arrived, but by then the victim had stopped convulsing and regained consciousness; he is fine

today; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth, the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella have brought enduring honor to their families and community with their quick-thinking reaction during an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, Through their spontaneous and heroic actions, the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella and to wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella for their consummate courage and bravery while saving a man's life at Onondaga Lake; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fayetteville-Manlius novice rowing team and Coach Stephanie Spinella.