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SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the formal establishment of the New York State Senate Liberty Award, to be bestowed upon individuals chosen by their Senator to be worthy of such acknowledgement

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Legislature to recognize and celebrate individuals and events of significance which add vitality, sensitivity, understanding and inspiration to the diversity and value of all the people of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; the New York State Senate is justly proud to honor outstanding individuals who would serve to protect it; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the formal establishment of the New York State Senate Liberty Award, to be bestowed upon individuals chosen by their Senator to be worthy of such acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal, one of the highest civilian honors that a New Yorker can receive, is awarded to those who have acted in an exceptional, heroic and humanitarian way toward fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Individuals of every age and economic, ethnic and religious background have made significant contributions that are reflected in the social, cultural, educational and economic diversity of this great state; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of the Legislature to commend those remarkable individuals who serve wholeheartedly and selflessly, who unwaveringly put others before themselves, who unflinchingly face hardships and emerge better people and who quietly but steadfastly commit to their communities and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, New York State has been, and continues to be, a melting pot - a home to all those who are born and raised here or who, through random circumstances, come to our great Empire State and make it their home; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Legislature that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards, certainly have earned the respect and applause of all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York State Senate pause in its deliberations to officially recognize the formal establishment of the New York State Senate Liberty Award, to be bestowed upon individuals chosen by their Senator to be worthy of such acknowledgement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Francis W. Patience, Secretary of the Senate.