

## 2013-J4091

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Cameron Rothwell 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 honor Cameron Rothwell 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 a resolution in 2014 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, On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Cameron Rothwell was having lunch in his school, Riley Avenue Elementary School in Calverton, New York, when he noticed his friend sitting with him appeared to be having an allergic reaction to some food he had eaten; and

WHEREAS, Nine year-old Cameron Rothwell asked his friend if he was okay and if he could breathe, and his friend was unable to speak, and only shook his head "no"; and

WHEREAS, Responding without hesitation, Cameron Rothwell directed another student to alert the lunch room aid; he then promptly ran his

friend to the school nurse's office and explained to the nurse what was happening; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Rothwell, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others; personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Cameron Rothwell devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cameron Rothwell 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 Cameron Rothwell.