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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Master Sergeant Thomas Curran 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 Master Sergeant Thomas Curran 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, Master Sergeant Thomas Curran, a member of the New York Air National Guard since 1990, and a 26 year veteran of the United States military, was presented with the prestigious United States Air Force Commendation Medal during a wing formation in recognition of his life-saving actions on Saturday, November 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On that Saturday, like many other days, Master Sergeant Thomas Curran went to the AIM Cafe in Newburgh, New York; as he was approaching the lunch counter he quickly realized something was wrong and asked what was going on; and

WHEREAS, When a clerk said a man had collapsed, suffering from what appeared to be cardiac arrest, Master Sergeant Thomas Curran immediately made his way around the counter and into the dining room to find the owner of the restaurant, Al Blanco, administering CPR at the direction of 911 operators over the telephone; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Thomas Curran, who is certified in CPR as a member of the United States Air National Guard, took over; and

WHEREAS, Emergency medical personnel arrived a short time later and Master Sergeant Thomas Curran helped the medics administer an Automated External Defibrillator (AED); concerned about the man's condition, Master Sergeant Thomas Curran then drove to St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, New York, to check on his condition; and

WHEREAS, Due to Master Sergeant Thomas Curran's quick actions, the man would not have survived long enough to make it to the emergency room where he was treated and admitted to the intensive care unit for further care; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Master Sergeant Thomas Curran demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of public servants and ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that 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 honor Master Sergeant Thomas Curran 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 Master Sergeant Thomas Curran.