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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barry G. Miller posthumously 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens, who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barry G. Miller posthumously 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, Barry G. Miller was born on June 6, 1965, to Tracy and Loretta (Werner) Miller in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Barry G. Miller graduated from Byron-Bergen High School, Bergen, New York; he was the owner of Miller's Millworks in Bergen, and the Beaver River Lodge in the Adirondacks; for several years, he also worked for the Rochester Eye and Tissue Bank; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lived and worked, Barry G. Miller held the title of Chief of Emergency Medical Services in Bergen and was a member of the Bergen Fire Department for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, On many occasions, Barry G. Miller acted with bravery and steady precision in dealing with the risk and drama of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties as an emergency responder, Barry G. Miller was tragically killed in an ambulance accident on his way to a fire call in September of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Barry G. Miller made the ultimate sacrifice while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Barry G. Miller was a member of Leadership Genesee, Class of 2008; Leadership Genesee established a Lifetime Achievement Award in his honor, and the first Barry Miller Lifetime Achievement Award was presented in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Barry G. Miller, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barry G. Miller posthumously 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 the family of Barry G. Miller.