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Senate Resolution No. 227

BY: Senator ROBACH

honoring Anthony Bartosiewicz 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 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 Anthony Bartosiewicz 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, On Friday, January 6, 2017, Anthony Bartosiewicz, of Greece, New York, and his wife flew into Ft. Lauderdale Airport in Florida, heading to a cruise; and

WHEREAS, While inside the airport, a rogue gunman started shooting in the baggage claim area of the airport, injuring many people; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Bartosiewicz noticed a woman in danger of being wounded and quickly and selflessly decided to shield her with his body while comforting her during this distressing situation; before the police were able to come, he heard another shot fired over them; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Anthony Bartosiewicz 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 New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Anthony Bartosiewicz richly merits the admiration of this Legislative Body and his community for his consummate courage and heroic actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony Bartosiewicz upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 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 Anthony Bartosiewicz.