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Senate Resolution No. 1694

BY: Senator BROOKS

HONORING Zahrah Ibrahim upon the occasion of her 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 Zahrah Ibrahim upon the occasion of her 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 March 19, 2017, Zahrah Ibrahim was watching a basketball game at Sanford H. Calhoun High School, in Merrick, New York, when she heard her mother yell for help from across the court; she swiftly ran over to discover her grandmother was slumped over in her seat and not responding to commands; and

WHEREAS, Acting quickly, Zahrah Ibrahim asked her father to lower her grandmother onto the gym floor, where she checked to see if her grandmother had a pulse; after she could not find one, she started the compressions on her grandmother's chest, like she learned in gym class; after about a minute, her grandmother came to and was immediately taken to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Through her spontaneous and heroic actions, Zahrah Ibrahim demonstrated her character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of her actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of reward when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York, there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Zahrah Ibrahim is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Zahrah Ibrahim upon the occasion of her 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 Zahrah Ibrahim.