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Senate Resolution No. 1839

BY: Senator KAMINSKY

HONORING Tyler Ostrander 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 Tyler Ostrander 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 Thursday, April 13, 2017, Tyler Ostrander stepped in to save the life of a woman who was choking at Jimmy Hay's Steakhouse; and

WHEREAS, A food runner at Jimmy Hay's Steakhouse for over two years, Tyler Ostrander is a current member of the Island Park Volunteer Fire Department and had recently completed his EMT training; and

WHEREAS, After noticing a patron was choking on her steak, Tyler Ostrander immediately stopped what he was doing and successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on her, saving her life; and

WHEREAS, In the past, Tyler Ostrander has used his training to help another choking victim at the steakhouse; and

WHEREAS, Praised for his brave actions, Tyler Ostrander demonstrated his true character and genuine 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; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Tyler Ostrander 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 Tyler Ostrander 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 Tyler Ostrander.