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Senate Resolution No. 3078

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMENDING Eugene Hennard 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 Eugene Hennard 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 the day of September 24, 2016, a car hauler headed North on County Road 15 in Short Tract, New York, went off the road and into Eugene Hennard's garage before hitting a tree; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the accident, the driver of the truck severely injured his left arm; without hesitation, Eugene Hennard climbed into the truck and applied a tourniquet while keeping the driver calm until rescue personnel arrived; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hennard's quick thinking and complete disregard for his own safety was instrumental in saving the arm of this man; and

WHEREAS, With more than 65 years of service, Eugene Hennard is a lifetime member of the Short Tract Volunteer Fire Company and the owner of Fillmore Mill; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hennard has been married to his wife, Irene, for 61 years; he is the proud father of three children, Michael (Bonnie), Linda (Joe) and Jeffrey, as well as the loving grandfather of seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hennard should be regarded as a true hero; he has continually devoted himself to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Praised for maintaining his composure and his professional conduct, Eugene Hennard demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the welfare of others; 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; Eugene Hennard is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those 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 Eugene Hennard 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 Eugene Hennard.