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Senate Resolution No. 3611

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Jeff Ricker in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing an elderly man from a house fire

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jeff Ricker in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing an elderly man from a house fire; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ricker was driving on Highland Avenue in the Village of Florida on Friday, January 12, 2018, when he spotted smoke and flames coming from a house; and

WHEREAS, A 26-year veteran of the Unionville Fire Department, Jeff Ricker immediately dialed 911 and went to investigate; after observing a vehicle parked in the driveway behind the house, his years of experience told him whoever lived in the home used the back door; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ricker then observed an elderly man through a window

at the back of the house; he was trapped behind a fallen door and a wall of flame was raging in the house behind him; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation or regard for his own safety, Jeff Ricker pushed in a window, grabbed the 92-year-old man by the shoulders, pulled him through the window and carried him 75 feet to the street, saving his life; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ricker 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, Jeff Ricker demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the well-being 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; Jeff Ricker is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Ricker 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 Jeff Ricker in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in rescuing an elderly man from a house fire; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeff Ricker.