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Senate Resolution No. 5936

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMENDING Adam and Lydia Illerbrun upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 commend Adam and Lydia Illerbrun upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 October 5, 2018, Adam and Lydia Illerbrun, of Mount Morris, New York, decided to go to their local Dollar General Store for some ice cream; after paying for their treats, they headed for the door to walk back to their car in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Suddenly, Lydia Illerbrun noticed her husband running to her right after he had observed a woman pinned between a vehicle and a dolly laden with cases of water bottles; after realizing he was unable to lift the entire dolly full of water bottles by himself, Adam told Lydia to get some help and the other Dollar General employee to call 911; and

WHEREAS, A customer quickly came outside and helped Adam Illerbrun take the crate off of the dolly; the Dollar General employee fell to the ground, and Lydia, a registered nurse, observed she was not breathing and was unresponsive; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Illerbrun immediately began chest compressions while Adam, who had just renewed his CPR certification, stabilized the woman's head; after approximately 45 seconds of performing CPR, the woman started to gasp and gargle; after another minute or two of compressions, the woman started breathing on her own and Lydia was able to locate a pulse; and

WHEREAS, By the time the police and EMT had arrived, the victim was awake and was starting to be more cognizant and was speaking; the woman was eventually transported via Mount Morris ambulance to the hospital for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Adam and Lydia Illerbrun were truly grateful they were at the right place at the right time and thankful they knew how to perform

CPR, a lifesaving procedure anyone can learn; and

WHEREAS, Praised for their swift actions, Adam and Lydia Illerbrun demonstrated their true characters and genuine compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their 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 heroes, Adam and Lydia Illerbrun richly merit the admiration of this Legislative Body and their community for their consummate courage and valiant actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Adam and Lydia Illerbrun upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 Adam and Lydia Illerbrun.