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Senate Resolution No. 533

BY: Senator WEBER

COMMENDING Theodore Naftali Schischa 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 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, nobly risking their own lives 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 commend Theodore Naftali Schischa 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, Early in the morning on Thursday, January 26, 2023, JetBlue flight 571 was enroute from New York to Florida when about an hour into the flight a woman suddenly fainted in the aisle; fortunately, EMT Theodore Naftali Schischa from the Hatzolah in Rockland County, New

York, immediately sprang into action and knelt to check on the woman;
and

WHEREAS, Using his extensive experience and knowledge, Theodore Naftali Schischa checked her pulse and placed an oxygen mask over the woman's mouth and nose and through his due diligence, she came to and was conscious and talking when the plane landed; and

WHEREAS, Due to Theodore Naftali Schischa's expertise, the plane was able to continue to Florida without further incident, and the woman was treated on the scene by Broward County Sheriff emergency responders and did not have to go to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Naftali Schischa, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Theodore Naftali Schischa 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 Theodore Naftali Schischa.