LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rita George, Brian Edmister, and Robert Ford in recognition of their heroic actions in saving the life of a Genesee Valley Central School District student

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations and, in so doing, preserve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rita George, Brian Edmister, and Robert Ford in recognition of their heroic actions in saving the life of a Genesee Valley student; and

WHEREAS, On February 13, 2014, a student at Genesee Valley Central School District suffered a cardiac arrest while lifting weights in the gym after school; due to the swift and professional actions of the school nurse, Rita George, the kindergarten through sixth grade principal, Brian Edmister, and a college and former Genesee Valley student, Robert Ford, the student's life was saved; and

WHEREAS, Robert Ford witnessed the cardiac arrest and immediately requested help which initiated the rescue of the student's life; Rita George and Brian Edmister then administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) until the rescue crew arrived; and

WHEREAS, Rita George, Brian Edmister, and Robert Ford, through their spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others; the life of a student was saved due to the virtue of their behavior and the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rita George, Brian Edmister, and Robert Ford in recognition of their heroic actions in saving the life of a Genesee Valley Central School District student on February 13, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rita George, Brian Edmister, and Robert Ford.