

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William Street 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, 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 doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William Street 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 a resolution in 2014 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 June 22, 2013, William Street was at home, spending time with his family in his backyard when he was summoned by a neighbor from an adjoining property; this neighbor had found his significant other unconscious in a swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, William Street informed his wife to call 911, and proceeded to the pool to render care; with his assistance, the unconscious individual was removed from the pool, and lifesaving efforts were initiated; and

WHEREAS, Due to the unselfish acts of William Street, the patient was transported to the hospital and made a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Since 1980, William Street has been a member of the Ulster Hose Company No. 5 Fire Department in Kingston, New York, and has held numerous positions throughout his thirty plus year career; and

WHEREAS, William Street is a dedicated and devoted member of the Ulster Hose Company No. 5 Fire Department and his community by initiating, organizing, and successfully executing those things that make a fire department a true success and valuable asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his heroic actions, William Street also received the esteemed Ulster County Firefighter of the Year Award by the Ulster Hose Company No. 5 Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which William Street has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, William Street 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 William Street 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 William Street.