

Senate Resolution No. 2356

**BY:** Senator ORTT

**HONORING** Jeffrey Allen 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 Jeffrey Allen 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,** On Sunday, November 13, 2016, at approximately 11:10 a.m., the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a 911 call regarding a vehicle that had struck a tree in front of a residence on Beach Ridge Road in the Town of Pendleton; the caller stated the vehicle was on fire with someone trapped inside and they were unable to get close to the vehicle due to the oppressive smoke and intense flames; and

**WHEREAS,** Jeffrey Allen, along with a fellow neighbor and a police officer, rushed to the vehicle when they noticed a conscious male driver was stuck inside; together, they fended off the flames long enough to free the victim's legs and get him out of the car; immediately after pulling the male free, the fire spread very quickly engulfing the entire vehicle; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to the selfless acts of Jeffrey Allen, the patient was transported to the hospital and made a full recovery; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Jeffrey Allen, 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 Jeffrey Allen 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 Jeffrey Allen.