

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMENDING Deputy Thomas Munzert 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, 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 Deputy Thomas Munzert 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 Saturday, July 15, 2017, Deputy Thomas Munzert was dispatched by 911 operators to 6405 Bloom Road in Arcadia, New York, where a car driven by a woman had plunged into a pond and overturned; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival, Deputy Thomas Munzert quickly jumped into the pond without safety equipment and pulled the victim from the overturned vehicle which was swiftly filling with both water and smoke; and

WHEREAS, Due to the spontaneous actions of Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy Thomas Munzert, the victim of the car crash avoided serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Thomas Munzert began his career in law enforcement in August of 2015, working as a part-time corrections officer; in February of 2016, he became a part-time member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol before being promoted to a full-time position in October of that same year; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Thomas Munzert should be regarded as a true hero; he has continually devoted himself to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Praised for maintaining his composure and his professional

conduct, Deputy Thomas Munzert demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Deputy Thomas Munzert is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Deputy Thomas Munzert 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 Deputy Thomas Munzert.