

BY: Senator YOUNG

HONORING Deputy Christopher Howlett 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, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deputy Christopher Howlett of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2016, Deputy Christopher Howlett and his partner, Deputy Jason Beichner, arrived at the scene of a motor vehicle accident; the victim, a 28-year old male, had been traveling westbound on Route 83 when he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into a guard rail; unfortunately, the motorcyclist suffered a life-threatening injury, and was experiencing massive blood loss; and

WHEREAS, Using their first-aid training and an agency issued tourniquet, Deputy Christopher Howlett and his partner were able to administer emergency medical care, applying the tourniquet to stop the flow of blood from the victim's wound; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Christopher Howlett and his partner's prompt and appropriate actions were credited by Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel and the Starflight medical team as being instrumental in saving the motorcyclist's life; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Christopher Howlett, a three and one-half year veteran of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office, 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 their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Praised for maintaining his composure and his professional conduct, Deputy Christopher Howlett demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the welfare 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 Christopher Howlett 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 honor Deputy Christopher Howlett 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 Christopher Howlett.