

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING five staff members from the Orange-Ulster BOCES Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor five staff members from the Orange-Ulster BOCES Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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, The collective quick thinking of Dan Morse, Amanda York, Christopher Mayo, Doug Stahl and Heather Walsh helped save the life of a man who collapsed in their office; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of January 31, 2018, a longtime baseball official from Dutchess County arrived in the lobby of the Orange-Ulster BOCES Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics and collapsed; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mayo and his staff quickly responded to help the unconscious man; Heather Walsh and Doug Stahl ran to nearby C.J. Hooker Middle School to find a nurse; and

WHEREAS, While Christopher Mayo communicated with the 911 dispatcher, Dan Morse and Amanda York, both Athletic Programs Assistants and certified American Red Cross CPR/AED First Aid Instructors, administered CPR; working together and using their training, they were able to revive the baseball official; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Goshen Police, a Deputy from the Orange County Sheriff's Office and local EMT's arrived on the scene; the man was taken to Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown and is now doing well; and

WHEREAS, The decisive actions of these five individuals saved a life; without hesitation, they came to the rescue of a man who desperately needed it, keeping it cool and working together during an unnerving moment, which is truly a credit to their training and

professionalism; and

WHEREAS, These five individuals, through their spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their 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 five staff members from the Orange-Ulster BOCES Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dan Morse, Amanda York, Christopher Mayo, Doug Stahl and Heather Walsh.