

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Katherine Falco upon the occasion of her 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 Katherine Falco upon the occasion of her 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, Because of Katherine Falco's prompt and heroic actions, the life of an infant who was found unresponsive was saved; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Falco, a retired nurse who works part-time at Buy Buy Baby, was working her regular shift on Thursday, September 6, 2018, when she learned of an infant in need of medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, After confirming the infant could not breathe, Katherine Falco immediately administered Rescue Breathing; and

WHEREAS, After successful administration of Rescue Breathing, the infant resumed breathing and was kept stable until medics arrived; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Falco, in her spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated her character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of her action, the collective concern of citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; 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; Katherine Falco is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of such high standards, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Katherine Falco upon the occasion of her 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 Katherine Falco.