

**BY:** Senator GAUGHRAN

**COMMENDING** Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Jablonski 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 the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves 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,** 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; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Jablonski 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 the morning of Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Christopher Jablonski, a Second Precinct Officer, responded to a 911 call regarding a 43-year-old man from Bayville, New York, who fell into the inner harbor water of Cold Spring Harbor State Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon his arrival to the scene, Officer Christopher Jablonski jumped into a small boat on shore and used his arms to paddle out to the victim, who was neck deep in the water; and

**WHEREAS,** During this time, the man clung to the boat as Officer Christopher Jablonski, without hesitation or regard for his own safety, jumped into the harbor and used a rope to pull them both back to shore; and

**WHEREAS,** Thanks to the astute and courageous actions of Officer Christopher Jablonski, the male victim was then immediately transported to Huntington Hospital by the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department ambulance; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense 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

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**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Jablonski 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 Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Jablonski.