

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMENDING Second Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient 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, nobly risking their own lives 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 commend Second Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter 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 June 21, 2020, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter was eating with his family at a restaurant in Watertown, New York, when his wife stated she heard an individual scream that someone was choking; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter sprang into action, running back to a group of people where he found a woman on her knees with a baby in her hands; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter asked the woman to give him her baby and immediately began performing the Heimlich maneuver on the three-month-old infant; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 15 seconds after beginning the Heimlich maneuver, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter began to feel the baby breathing again and her skin, which during the ordeal had turned to purple, began to return to its normal tone; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter currently serves as a security manager with the 584th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving our country, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter, through his life-saving actions, has demonstrated that members of our military are always there to protect individuals from harm, whether on the battlefield or in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter richly merits the admiration of this Legislative Body and his community for his consummate courage, heroic actions and unwavering service to our

nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Second Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter 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 Second Lieutenant Shawn G. Sutter.