

Senate Resolution No. 1260

BY: Senator ORTT

COMMENDING Ryan Suitor 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 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 Ryan Suitor 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 Thursday, April 22, 2021, Ryan Suitor was on his way home from work as a school counselor for BOCES North Tonawanda Learning Center when he noticed a woman in her car on the side of the road who was frantically waving for help; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Ryan Suitor pulled his white SUV in front of the woman's car, and ran up to the car as she explained her son was very sick and needed to get to a hospital right away; he told the mother and son to get in his car and he swiftly sped to the emergency room, where he graciously waited with her until she received the news her son would be all right; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Suitor, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ryan Suitor 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 Ryan Suitor.