

Senate Resolution No. 1278

BY: Senator MAY

COMMENDING Kaley Taggart 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 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 Kaley Taggart 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, On the evening of Friday, July 9, 2021, Kaley Taggart, a native of Syracuse, was driving when she happened upon a woman standing on the outside ledge of the overpass bridge on Route 481 in the Town of Clay, New York; and

WHEREAS, Responding without hesitation or regard for her own safety, Kaley Taggart immediately whipped her car around, pulled the emergency brake in the middle of the road and ran straight to the 27-year-old woman who was attempting to jump; and

WHEREAS, A truly brave and courageous woman, Kaley Taggart was able to talk the woman down from the bridge; she played a vital role in this extraordinary rescue effort, and should be praised by the people of this great Empire State for her astute actions in attempting to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Kaley Taggart, 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 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 Kaley Taggart 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 Kaley Taggart.