

BY: Senator THOMAS

COMMENDING Daniel DeSimone and Phil Fandale upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of exemplary citizens who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Daniel DeSimone and Phil Fandale upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 Saturday, March 20, 2021, players, coaches and fans were enjoying a football game between East Meadow High School and Farmingdale High School in Long Island, when a referee started getting dizzy and suddenly collapsed on the field during the second quarter; and

WHEREAS, East Meadow High School athletic trainer Dan DeSimone ran to the referee while Farmingdale High School trainer Phil Fandale jumped into a golf cart, bringing an AED to the motionless man on the field; and

WHEREAS, Using their emergency training, Dan DeSimone and Phil Fandale quickly ascertained the victim was breathing but unfortunately, lost his pulse as they turned him over; as Dan began chest compressions, Phil shocked him with the AED, and compressions were continued; the AED was reapplied and this time, found a pulse; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, the referee was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Praised for their swift actions, Daniel DeSimone and Phil Fandale demonstrated their true character and genuine compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as heroes, Daniel DeSimone and Phil

Fandale richly merit the admiration of this Legislative Body and their community for their consummate courage and valiant actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Daniel DeSimone and Phil Fandale upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 Daniel DeSimone and Phil Fandale.