

Senate Resolution No. 547

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING Joe Hofmann 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 Joe Hofmann 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 afternoon of Sunday, March 14, 2021, Joe Hofmann was leaving his home when he stopped at the corner to look for traffic; instead, he saw smoke billowing out from a home down the road in Glenwood Village, a quiet 55-and-over community in Riverhead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon observing the smoke, Joe Hofmann made the split decision to turn towards the blaze; when he pulled up to the residence, a man outside asked if he could help him get his bedridden father out of the house; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation or regard for his own safety, Joe Hofmann jumped out of his truck and ran to the side of the house which was engulfed in flames, helping the son get his father out of bed and safely out of the home; at that point, firefighters were arriving on the scene; and

WHEREAS, A truly brave and courageous man, United States Navy Veteran Joe Hofmann played a vital role in this extraordinary rescue effort, and should be praised by the people of this great Empire State for his astute actions in attempting to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Joe Hofmann, 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 Joe Hofmann 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 Joe Hofmann.