

Senate Resolution No. 781

BY: Senator WEIK

COMMENDING Guillermo Sandoval 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 Guillermo Sandoval 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 evening of Saturday, April 10, 2021, former United States Marine Guillermo Sandoval heard a loud crash before stepping outside and witnessing a Suffolk County police officer chasing a suspect into the backyard of his residence on South Ocean Avenue in Patchogue, New York; and

WHEREAS, The suspect, who was pulled over for driving erratically with no headlights, attempted to flee on foot but instead was embroiled in a struggle with the officer who he stabbed in the leg during the altercation; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Guillermo Sandoval saw the injured officer struggling in his yard and without hesitation or regard for his own safety, immediately used a belt as a tourniquet to slow the flow of blood from the cop's badly injured leg and later helped carry the officer to the patrol car which transported him to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, The injured officer was taken to Long Island Community Hospital in East Patchogue, and later transferred to Stony Brook University Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery for a ruptured artery; thanks to the quick thinking of Guillermo Sandoval, he is expected to recover from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Guillermo Sandoval richly merits the admiration of this Legislative Body and his community for his consummate, swift action in saving the life of this police officer; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Guillermo Sandoval should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and

true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Guillermo Sandoval, 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 Guillermo Sandoval 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 Guillermo Sandoval.