

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING Elizabeth Piraino 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 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 Elizabeth Piraino 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, A single parent of two children, Elizabeth Piraino stopped at the local BJ's Wholesale Club to purchase some groceries on her way home from a full day of work as a registered nurse; while waiting in line in the self-checkout area of the store, she heard someone calling for assistance; and

WHEREAS, Immediately responding to the appeal for help, Elizabeth Piraino acted bravely in providing life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to a gentleman who was collapsing onto the floor; her many years of nursing experience allowed her to assess the gentleman's condition quickly and proceed to take swift action; and

WHEREAS, Performing CPR immediately, Elizabeth Piraino implored someone to call 911 and requested the automated external defibrillator (AED) from a store employee; she began to deliver immediate chest compressions, and when the AED was given to her, she defibrillated the gentleman's heart into normal rhythm; and

WHEREAS, After Elizabeth Piraino saved the gentleman's life and stabilized his condition until the paramedics arrived to assume control of his care, the ambulance crew transported the patient to Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead, New York; due to Elizabeth Piraino's noble and courageous actions, a precious life was saved, and a seemingly dire situation had positive results; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Piraino, 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 need help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Elizabeth Piraino 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 Elizabeth Piraino.