

Senate Resolution No. 1420

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING Richard Scriven 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 Richard Scriven 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 July 21, 2023, Richard Scriven had boarded his California-bound flight at JFK International Airport, when suddenly his relaxation time was postponed as he was immediately called to help a man suffering from a heroin overdose; and

WHEREAS, Trained to respond to emergency situations, Richard Scriven was a Stony Brook University Hospital paramedic prior to entering the police academy and being recruited by Suffolk County Police; his prompt and brave actions after the announcement was made for medical personnel saved the unconscious man's life; and

WHEREAS, After identifying himself and requesting medical supplies from the plane's crew, Richard Scriven provided an intranasal dose of Narcan to the man, who regained consciousness about two minutes later; and

WHEREAS, Truly a caring individual, Richard Scriven remained with the man until Emergency Medical Services arrived at the scene to transport the subject to Jamaica Hospital and then he was finally able to continue his journey to the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Richard Scriven richly merits the admiration of this Legislative Body and his community for his consummate, swift action in saving the life of this man; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Richard Scriven should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Richard Scriven, 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 Richard Scriven 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 Richard Scriven.