

Senate Resolution No. 1804

BY: Senator RHOADS

COMMENDING Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney 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 custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney 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 Wednesday, December 20, 2023, Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney, of Seaford, New York, was returning home after his workday at the State Criminal Court in Manhattan when he witnessed six-foot flames in his neighbors' driveway across the street; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney ran to the burning residence and pounded on the front door to alert the family of five who resided there; Kevin Kalyan was bathing two of his young children upstairs when the blaze ascended the garage and engulfed the front of the house; and

WHEREAS, The fortunate family was able to escape without harm to anyone because of the bravery and fearless heroism of Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney who not only alerted them but also entered the home to obtain clothes for the two children who had escaped wearing only towels; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 60 firefighters from Massapequa, Seaford, and Wantagh responded to the alarm; the flames took almost an hour to extinguish, bringing awareness of the potential tragedy to the residents of the neighborhood who recognize the courage, compassion, and selflessness of Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney and those individuals who don uniforms and perform their civic duties without consideration for themselves; and

WHEREAS, A truly courageous man, Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney 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 lives of others; and

WHEREAS, In his spontaneous and heroic act, Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when fellow constituents are in need of aid; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney 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 Lieutenant Brendan Mullaney.