

Senate Resolution No. 2009

BY: Senator ASHBY

COMMENDING Christopher Dick 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 citizens who demonstrate 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 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 Christopher Dick 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 Sunday, March 3, 2024, Christopher Dick and his daughter were traveling home from their Jeep Club in Grafton, New York, when they witnessed a house fire; being the first ones on the scene, they immediately acted; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Christopher Dick secured the fire extinguishers he had just purchased that morning, and his daughter calmed the homeowner, preventing her from returning to the blaze to rescue her pets; and

WHEREAS, A member of the East Greenbush Fire Company for 30 years and experienced in EMS dispatch, Christopher Dick utilized multiple fire extinguishers to knock down the kitchen door and control the airflow that would cause the fire to spread throughout the house; and

WHEREAS, Before the dispatched fire departments and other aid arrived, Christopher Dick and some neighbors successfully extinguished the fire that was caused by an explosion in the oven; and

WHEREAS, The Grafton Fire Chief credits Christopher Dick with the prevention of the destruction of a residence and the devastation of a community member's life; and

WHEREAS, A truly courageous man, Christopher Dick 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, Christopher Dick 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 citizens who unselfishly assist and protect others are worthy and due full praise for their noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Christopher Dick 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 Christopher Dick.