

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Amelia Juracka 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, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the lives 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 Amelia Juracka 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, In the summer of 2023, twelve-year-old Girl Scout, Amelia Juracka, of Greenfield Center, New York, attended a family gathering at a relative's home; some of the attendees were enjoying the swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, No one noticed that Amelia Juracka's two-year-old cousin, Oliver, had fallen into the deep end of the pool; and

WHEREAS, Recalling the lessons on water safety she learned as a camper at Hidden Lake Girl Scout Camp, Amelia Juracka realized that little Oliver was in danger; without hesitation, she jumped into the pool and swam to him, pulling him out of the water; thankfully, the toddler was unharmed because of this Girl Scout's quick thinking and bravery; and

WHEREAS, For the expediency with which Amelia Juracka acted to save her cousin, she will be awarded the Girl Scout Medal of Honor on Friday, May 17, 2024; in 2023, only 27 Girl Scouts received this honor nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Juracka, 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 Amelia Juracka 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 Amelia Juracka.