

Assembly Resolution No. 592

**BY:** M. of A. Simpson

**HONORING** Viviana Bravo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Chestertown Firehouse for her prompt actions while at the scene of a medical emergency on May 25, 2022

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of exemplary citizens who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Viviana Bravo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Chestertown Firehouse for her prompt actions while at the scene of a medical emergency on May 25, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Viviana Bravo will be recognized for her selfless heroism on Friday, June 2, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** At approximately 5:45 pm, on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, then 17-year-old Viviana Bravo and her friend Elizabeth Mae Maxwell were driving on the Adirondack State Northway between exits 15 and 16 when they noticed a truck swerving in between the lanes in front of them; and

**WHEREAS,** Peter and Susan Michalski were also driving along the road when he suddenly lost consciousness; after Susan was able to safely pull the vehicle over to the side of the road, Viviana Bravo and Elizabeth Mae Maxwell also pulled over and immediately called 911 before running over to help the couple; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon their arrival, Viviana Bravo and Elizabeth Mae Maxwell quickly noticed Susan Michalski was panicking because Peter was unconscious and had stopped breathing; without regard for their safety, the two teenagers opened the car door, pulled Peter out of the driver's seat, carefully placed him on the ground, and began to perform CPR on him, the first time they had done so on a human being; and

**WHEREAS,** Shortly thereafter, the Wilton EMS arrived on the scene and took over with an AED to continue life-saving measures; the two good samaritans stayed with Susan Michalski to comfort her and pray with her while EMS was working on Peter; and

**WHEREAS,** Thanks to the swift and lifesaving actions of Viviana Bravo and Elizabeth Mae Maxwell, Peter Michalski recovered from a ventricular fibrillation event after spending 10 weeks in several medical facilities, and was able to continue his life as a loving husband,

father, and grampy to his six grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** First generation Mexican-American Viviana Bravo studied culinary arts and hospitality at BOCES where she was an award winner at the SkillsUSA competition; today, she is a sophomore at the Culinary Institute of America pursuing her bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management; and

**WHEREAS,** Viviana Bravo, through her spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated her character and her compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of her actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Viviana Bravo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Chestertown Firehouse for her prompt actions while at the scene of a medical emergency on May 25, 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Viviana Bravo.