

BY: Senator YOUNG

COMMENDING Police Officer Peter J. Randall 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 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, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Police Officer Peter J. Randall 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 March 7, 2018, Gowanda Police Department's Officer Peter J. Randall responded to a stabbing on Chestnut Street at 8:06 p.m.; 90 seconds after the call came in, he arrived on the scene and quickly noticed the victim was bleeding profusely from a knife wound to the neck; and

WHEREAS, Officer Peter J. Randall, who thankfully served as a combat medic in the United States Army, immediately began applying pressure to the teenager's neck, noting her pulse was strong and steady; and

WHEREAS, Due to Officer Peter J. Randall's life-saving actions, the young girl's bleeding began to subside in the ambulance on the way to Lake Shore Hospital; after being transferred to Women and Children's Hospital in Buffalo, New York, Officer Randall discovered the teenager was alive and listed in stable condition; and

WHEREAS, Officer Peter J. Randall was truly a hero that cold evening in early March; within 90 seconds, he arrived on the scene and used his experience and training to stop a teenager from bleeding to death; at the Village's next Board meeting, he will have the opportunity to meet with the girl who, thanks to him, will live to see her 15th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Officer Peter J. Randall should be regarded as a true hero; he has continually devoted himself to public service, demonstrating

great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Praised for maintaining his composure and his professional conduct, Officer Peter J. Randall demonstrated his true character and genuine compassion for the well-being of others; 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; Officer Peter J. Randall is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Police Officer Peter J. Randall 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 Police Officer Peter J. Randall.