

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMENDING Giancarlo Colon 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 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 life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Giancarlo Colon 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, In addition to this prestigious honor, Giancarlo Colon was presented with the Do the Right Thing Award by the Newark, New York, Village Board in April of 2019; and

WHEREAS, At 3:11 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019, seventh-grader Giancarlo "John" Colon was walking home from Newark Middle School when he noticed flames coming from the back corner of a house on Blossom Road; and

WHEREAS, Giancarlo Colon immediately pounded on the door of the residence, alerting two residents who were unaware their house was on fire; due to Giancarlo's quick thinking, the two individuals escaped their burning home and called 911, which dispatched the Newark Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Giancarlo Colon, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his 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 are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Giancarlo Colon 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 Giancarlo Colon.