

BY: Senator KAMINSKY

COMMENDING Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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, October 7, 2018, brothers and Certified EMTs, Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz were driving home from a New York Jets game northbound on New Jersey Route 17, when they noticed a vehicle on the side of the road, having crashed into the median; and

WHEREAS, After pulling over, Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz quickly ran to the car and noticed the driver was unconscious and unresponsive; the two brothers, along with other medical professionals who passed by, broke a window and extricated the patient from the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Yoni Sacknovitz immediately began chest compressions while Ariel Sacknovitz oxygenated the man with a bag-valve mask; several minutes later, a paramedic unit arrived with a defibrillator and administered a shock, causing the patient, who had suffered a heart attack, to regain consciousness; due to the astute actions of Yoni and Ariel, the man survived; and

WHEREAS, Twenty year-old Yoni Sacknovitz worked for Senior Care Emergency Medical Services and studies biology at Yeshiva University; his 22 year-old brother, Ariel, is a Business Intelligence and Marketing Analytics major at the Syms School of Business at the University, and is a volunteer for Hatzalah of Washington Heights, New York; both men plan to attend medical school after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz, in their spontaneous and heroic acts, have so aptly demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others; personifying, by virtue of their 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 Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz.