Senate Resolution No. 2247

BY: Senator MATTERA

COMMENDING Francesca Augello 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 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 Francesca Augello 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, Francesca Augello works as a lunch aide in Commack, Long Island and has a special affinity for children; as a mother herself, she greatly values supporting youth to evolve into mature, kind, and compassionate adults; and

WHEREAS, During lunch break on Friday, March 8, 2024, Francesca Augello noticed that a second grade student had his head down and was coughing; coming to the realization that the student was choking on a piece of pizza when he failed to respond to her, Francesca Augello rushed to his aid; and

WHEREAS, Although not trained in CPR, Francesca Augello was informed about the Heimlich Maneuver and performed the correct actions needed to save the student's life; and

WHEREAS, Francesca Augello was aware that day in the cafeteria to what was going on, and her vigilance prevailed that day as a student was in need of life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Francesca Augello richly merits the admiration of this Legislative Body and her community for her consummate, swift action in saving the life of this young student; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Francesca Augello should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Francesca Augello, 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 are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Francesca Augello 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 Francesca Augello.