Assembly Resolution No. 593

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HONORING Elizabeth Mae Maxwell 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 Elizabeth Mae Maxwell 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, Elizabeth Mae Maxwell will be recognized for her heroic acts on Friday, June 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 5:45 pm, on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, then 18-year-old Elizabeth Mae Maxwell and her friend Viviana Bravo 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, Elizabeth Mae Maxwell and Viviana Bravo also pulled over and immediately called 911 before running over to help the couple; and

WHEREAS, Upon their arrival, Elizabeth Mae Maxwell and Viviana Bravo 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 Elizabeth Mae Maxwell and Viviana Bravo, 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, After graduating from North Warren Central School in June of 2022, Elizabeth Mae Maxwell is majoring in Culinary Arts at SUNY Adirondack; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mae Maxwell, 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 Elizabeth Mae Maxwell 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 Elizabeth Mae Maxwell.