

BY: Senator ASHBY

COMMENDING Johnathan Rudat 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 custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Johnathan Rudat 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, Johnathan Rudat was born on December 20, 2004, to Amy and Chris Rudat of Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently employed by Colonie EMS in Colonie, New York as an EMT, Johnathan Rudat graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 2025 with an Associate in Applied Science in Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, Johnathan Rudat had previously spent a year working with the Dresden City Fire Brigade in Dresden, Germany; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work as an emergency medical professional, Johnathan Rudat is also a part-time model, artist and a skilled martial arts student of both Judo and Bushido; and

WHEREAS, While traveling abroad in Germany, Johnathan Rudat noticed two women being attacked on public transit; and

WHEREAS, Drawing upon his compassion, bravery, and instincts as a first responder, Johnathan Rudat intervened to protect the two women from their attackers, sustaining serious wounds from the altercation; and

WHEREAS, Johnathan Rudat, 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 Johnathan Rudat 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 Johnathan Rudat.