

Senate Resolution No. 1292

**BY:** Senator ORTT

**COMMENDING** Brandon Orlikowski, 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,** Our Nation's firefighters deserve acknowledgement and commendation for their selfless and immediate actions to save the lives of others, disregarding the danger to their own welfare; Brandon Orlikowski is one such hero; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Brandon Orlikowski, 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,** On Friday, September 5, 2025, Brandon Orlikowski, Fire Captain of South Lockport Fire Company, was a passenger on a flight when a call for medical assistance was made; he immediately left his seat and volunteered to assist an elderly woman who was suffering from an apparent heart attack; and

**WHEREAS,** Brandon Orlikowski assisted a physician who also volunteered to help the woman, providing CPR and oxygen to the victim until the plane made an emergency landing where paramedics were waiting; and

**WHEREAS,** The elderly woman was in obvious distress, and her daughter had called for help; as a first responder, Brandon Orlikowski did not think twice about assisting; his training helped save someone's life, and he personally believes that everyone should learn the critical lifesaving procedures he learned in case of an emergency that could happen to anyone; and

**WHEREAS,** While the physician administered chest compressions, Brandon Orlikowski obtained the oxygen bottle and automated external defibrillator (AED); the two responders brought the woman back to consciousness after which the oxygen mask was used; by the time the plane landed, the victim was able to speak; and

**WHEREAS,** Brandon Orlikowski and all individuals who have training in CPR possess the invaluable skills to assist and even save the lives of others; when help is on the way, anyone who has that knowledge can respond in an emergency situation where mere moments matter and can make the critical difference from the time a cardiac incident occurs to the availability of medical personnel on the scene; and

**WHEREAS,** Brandon Orlikowski's immediate response and selfless caring for the welfare of another individual in dire need of assistance prevented a tragedy; he exemplified heroism for which his fellow New Yorkers should extol honor and gratitude; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Brandon Orlikowski, 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 Brandon Orlikowski.