Senate Resolution No. 1582

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

COMMENDING Simon Lissner posthumously 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 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 lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Simon Lissner posthumously 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, The Lissner family's home on Tarn Trail in Concord, New York, caught fire in the early morning of Monday, January 19, 2026; Simon Lissner, a man dedicated to a life of service to others, was instrumental in notifying his family members of the blaze and ushering them to safety; and

WHEREAS, With his bravery and quick thinking, Simon Lissner was able to protect the lives of his wife, their daughter, and their daughter's boyfriend; and

WHEREAS, A revered citizen and veteran with 33 years of courageous military service and three tours of duty overseas, Simon Lissner retired from the United States Air Force as a medic; and

WHEREAS, With his experience as a medic and as an avid skier, Simon Lissner was on his fifteenth season of volunteer service with the Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Simon Lissner was a respected medical technician for the Buffalo Niagara Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS); and

WHEREAS, A truly brave and courageous individual, Simon Lissner played a vital role in this extraordinary rescue effort and should be praised by the people of this great Empire State for his swift actions in working to preserve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Simon Lissner, 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

citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others need help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Simon Lissner posthumously 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 the family of Simon Lissner.